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2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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5 PATRICIA HENLEY,)
6 Plaintiff,)
7 vs.) No. 995172
8 PHILIP MORRIS INCORPORATED; et al.,)
9 Defendants.)
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13 DEPOSITION OF WILLIAM H. WARREN, M.D.
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that, pursuant to Notice
2 of Taking Deposition, and on Saturday, December
3 12th, 1998, commencing at the hour of 11:12 a.m., at
4 the Law Offices of SHOOK, HARDY & BACON, LLP, One
5 Market Street, Steuart Street Tower, 9th Floor, San
6 Francisco, California 94105, before me, NANCY L.
7 BARKER, duly authorized to administer oaths pursuant
8 to Section 2093(b) of the California Code of Civil
9 Procedure, personally appeared
10 WILLIAM H. WARREN, M.D.
11 called as a witness by the Plaintiff, and the said
12 witness, being by me first duly sworn, was thereupon
13 examined and testified as hereinafter set forth.
14 WARTNICK, CHABER, HAROWITZ, SMITH &
15 TIGERMAN, 101 California Street, Suite 2200, San
16 Francisco, California 94111-5802, represented by
17 MADELYN J. CHABER, ESQ., appeared as counsel on
18 behalf of the Plaintiff.
19 SHOOK, HARDY & BACON, LLP, One Market
20 Street, Steuart Street Tower, 9th Floor, San
21 Francisco, California 94105, represented by GERALD

22 V. BARRON, ESQ., and WILLIAM S. OHLEMEYER, ESQ.,
23 (appeared video conference) appeared as counsel on
24 behalf of the Defendants.

25 ALSO PRESENT: Thomas A. Duncan.

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1 VICTOR E. GOULD, M.D.,
2 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

3 EXAMINATION BY MS. CHABER

4 MS. CHABER: Q. Could you state your
5 full name for the record and your business address,
6 please?

7 A. William Howard Warren, my business
8 address is Suite 218, 1725 West Harrison Street,
9 Chicago, Illinois 60612.

10 Q. I'm handing you a check for \$1,000. You
11 charge \$500 an hour for your deposition testimony;
12 is that correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And is that the same amount that you
15 charge for consultation time?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 Q. And how many times have you been deposed?

18 A. About 10 or 12 times.

19 MS. CHABER: I've been provided with a
20 curriculum vitae. I still can't pronounce it right.
21 I'd like to attach that as plaintiff's first and
22 something assessing a letter and an attachment dated
23 March -- November 23rd, 1998 which appears to attach
24 the time spent on the Henley case.

25 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1 was

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1 marked for identification.)

2 MS. CHABER: Q. Dr. Warren, is this
3 current and up to date or is this prior to -- what
4 time period does this cover?

5 A. Everything up to November the 23rd.

6 Q. And how much time have you assessed to
7 this case since November the 23rd?

8 A. Up to this point?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. As of right now?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. I haven't tallied the hours but I spent
13 about two hours in Chicago last week and I spent
14 much of yesterday.

15 MR. BARRON: Can you hold for just one
16 second?

17 (Off the record 11:14 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.)

18 MR. BARRON: I'm trying to get those
19 records together.

20 MS. CHABER: Q. You said much of
21 yesterday.

22 A. Much of yesterday, the flight out
23 spending time with the lawyers here and some time
24 this morning.

25 Q. And the time that you spent this morning

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1 was that also with the lawyers?

2 A. Some of it was, yes.

3 Q. How much time did you spend yesterday
4 with the lawyers?

5 A. We started about 1:00 o'clock yesterday
6 and we finished in the office here around 5:30 and

7 there was some additional discussion in the evening.
8 Q. And how much time did you spend today
9 with the lawyers?
10 A. With the lawyers I spent -- what time is
11 it now?
12 Q. It looks like close to 11:15.
13 A. Probably two hours this morning, maybe
14 three.
15 Q. What was your first contact in this case,
16 anything about Ms. Henley's case?
17 A. I met with Mr. Sirridge in Chicago I
18 believe it was in October of this year.
19 Q. And Mr. Sirridge is an attorney
20 representing Philip Morris?
21 A. He is an attorney here at Shook, Hardy &
22 Bacon but I don't know whether it's Philip Morris
23 involved in this case or not.
24 Q. And you do know that it is a cigarette
25 manufacturer?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. You don't know which one?
3 A. I don't know which one.
4 Q. And what was the nature of this meeting
5 with Mr. Sirridge in October?
6 A. He asked me to review some records and I
7 believe some x-rays at that time.
8 Q. Was there anyone else present besides you
9 and Mr. Sirridge?
10 A. Dr. Victor Gould.
11 Q. Anyone else?
12 A. I don't recall if Mr. Duncan was at that
13 meeting or not. I think he probably was not.
14 Q. Who is Mr. Duncan?
15 A. He is the gentleman to my left down two.
16 Q. Another attorney with Shook, Hardy?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Before that meeting had you read any
19 records or materials regarding Ms. Henley?
20 A. No.
21 Q. How long was that meeting?
22 A. I don't recall. It was probably on the
23 order of two hours.
24 Q. You reviewed x-rays during those two
25 hours?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. How many x-rays did you review?
3 A. Quite a few. I didn't count them.
4 Q. Which facilities were the x-rays from?
5 A. I don't recall. There were several
6 facilities that had performed x-rays on this patient
7 but I didn't pay attention as to which facility and
8 which day and which x-ray.
9 Q. Did you write any notes with respect to
10 your review of the x-rays?
11 A. No.
12 Q. Is that your normal practice when you
13 review x-rays at the hospital that you do not make
14 any notes of what your review is?
15 A. For the purpose of legal counsel or for
16 in my clinical practice?
17 Q. In your clinical practice let's start

18 with that.

19 A. In my clinical practice if I am to see
20 the patient, I make comments about the x-rays at
21 that time.

22 Q. When you say you make comments, what's
23 the form that those comments take?

24 A. In my office record I have an office
25 record for that patient.

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1 Q. And when you do medical-legal, you do not
2 make any notes; is that correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And have you provided consultation in
5 medical-legal matters to anyone other than a
6 cigarette manufacturer?

7 A. I have been an expert witness in cases
8 that don't involve a cigarette manufacturer, yes.

9 Q. How many times?

10 A. On the order of 10 to 12 times.

11 Q. Have you ever been deposed in a case as
12 an expert witness involving a cigarette manufacturer
13 before today?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And during this first meeting where
16 records were reviewed and x-rays were reviewed and
17 you did not take any notes, did Dr. Gould take any
18 notes?

19 A. I don't believe so.

20 Q. Did any of the lawyers take any notes?

21 A. I don't believe so.

22 (Mr. Sirridge entered then exited proceedings)

23 MS. CHABER: Q. Did you subsequently
24 dictate or in any way memorialize the impressions or
25 opinions that you had after this first meeting?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. What information were you given before
3 you had this meeting with Mr. Sirridge, Dr. Gould
4 and possibly Mr. Duncan?

5 A. None. Only that there was a case that
6 Dr. Gould had been contacted first and suggested
7 that I be present as well. I knew nothing about the
8 case beyond that.

9 Q. And at the time that you began reviewing
10 the records in this case what did you understand you
11 to be reviewing these records for?

12 A. An interpretation of the clinical
13 presentation in the course of this patient.

14 Q. And in the course of your review of these
15 records, isn't it true that the clinical physicians
16 that were caring for Ms. Henley believe that she had
17 a primary carcinoma of the lung?

18 A. That's what the records led me to
19 believe.

20 Q. And at the end of that meeting did you
21 form your opinion as to what disease or diseases
22 Ms. Henley was suffering from?

23 A. Yes, I had a preliminary conclusion.

24 Q. And what was that preliminary conclusion?

25 A. That she had a mass in the chest that was

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1 biopsied and proved to be small cell carcinoma.

2 Q. And at that time did you have any

3 opinions as to the primary site of that tumor?
4 A. I had a suspicion that this was not a
5 primary in the lung but rather in the thymus gland.
6 Q. And what was that based on?
7 A. That was based on the presenting
8 complaints, the location of the tumor, and the
9 appearance.
10 Q. How many primary thymic tumors have you
11 diagnosed?
12 A. Probably 100.
13 Q. How many of these 100 primary thymic
14 tumors were malignant?
15 A. Probably 25.
16 Q. And how many of these primary thymic
17 tumors that were malignant that you diagnosed were
18 diagnosed while the person was still alive?
19 A. All of them that I recall.
20 Q. And how many of the 25 malignant primary
21 thymic tumors did the individual have some
22 underlying predisposing factor?
23 A. I don't understand your question.
24 Q. There are certain diseases or conditions
25 that are considered to be underlying or predisposing

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1 conditions for a thymic tumor, correct?
2 A. There is a correlation with myasthenia
3 gravis.
4 Q. How about Hashimoto's disease?
5 A. I'm not familiar with that.
6 Q. What time period are we talking about
7 where you have diagnosed 25 malignant thymic
8 carcinomas?
9 A. In my career and that would include my
10 training in thoracic surgery so I would say 10, 15
11 years.
12 Q. And how many of the 25 malignant primary
13 thymic carcinomas that you have diagnosed were small
14 cell?
15 A. None.
16 Q. And how many of the 25 primary malignant
17 carcinomas that you have diagnosed occurred in the
18 anterior mediastinum?
19 A. Most of them had some involvement of the
20 anterior mediastinum.
21 Q. How many of the 25 malignant thymic
22 carcinomas had primary involvement of the anterior
23 mediastinum rather than a spreading or extension
24 into the anterior mediastinum?
25 A. I don't recall the number.

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1 Q. And of the cell types of these 25
2 malignant thymic carcinomas that you have diagnosed
3 over your career, was there a primary cell type?
4 A. They by and large were simply called
5 malignant thymoma.
6 Q. And that's thymoma, t-h-y-m-o-m-a?
7 A. Correct.
8 Q. Have you ever published any paper or
9 article on primary malignant thymic cancer?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Can you tell me the names of the papers
12 that you have published?
13 A. I wrote a chapter in a journal called

14 Chest Surgery Clinics of North America.
15 Q. Do you have a year, a volume or anything
16 like that?
17 A. If it's in my CV --
18 Q. Can you identify it from your CV which is
19 Plaintiff's Exhibit 1?
20 A. Yes. Reference No. 60.
21 Q. 16?
22 A. 60, 6-0.
23 Q. What's the year of that?
24 A. 1992.
25 Q. Any others while you are looking at your

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1 CV with respect to malignant thymic primary tumors?
2 A. No, none -- no other references.
3 Q. At the beginning of the deposition
4 counsel handed me your CV, this letter with the
5 assessment of a billing time prior to your
6 preparation for this deposition and a notebook
7 containing some medical records relating to
8 Ms. Henley.

9 MR. BARRON: In addition, I mentioned
10 that we were copying some records that he had
11 reviewed here on this visit and I have a copy of
12 that for you now.

13 MS. CHABER: Q. The records that you
14 reviewed initially are in the black binder; is that
15 correct?

16 A. The black binder as well as the records
17 under your elbow.

18 Q. The records that are under my elbow did
19 you review these at the same time that you initially
20 reviewed on that first meeting records?

21 A. No.

22 Q. What records did you review on that first
23 meeting?

24 A. None.

25 Q. When was the first time you were provided

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1 medical records subsequent to that meeting?

2 A. I believe there's a letter on the front
3 of the binder from Mr. Sirridge.

4 MS. CHABER: I'd like to have that marked
5 as plaintiff's next in order an October 30th, 1998
6 transmittal letter.

7 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2 was
8 marked for identification.)

9 MS. CHABER: Q. And is everything that
10 is contained within the black binder the records
11 that you reviewed sometime subsequent to October
12 30th, 1998?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And when exactly did you review the
15 records in the binder that were federal expressed on
16 October 30th, 1998?

17 A. I don't recall the date. It was in the
18 subsequent week or two.

19 Q. At the meeting with Dr. Gould,
20 Mr. Sirridge and possibly Mr. Duncan, were you told
21 any information about Ms. Henley?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What were you told?

24 A. The meeting started off with Mr. Sirridge

25 and Dr. Gould and I joined them. At that point to
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1 the best of my recollection as we started to review
2 x-rays, there was some clinical story provided.

3 Q. By whom?

4 A. By Mr. Sirridge and then we looked at
5 some pathology slides.

6 Q. At the time that you joined Mr. Sirridge
7 and Dr. Gould and prior to the time you reviewed any
8 x-rays, were you told what Dr. Gould's opinion was
9 with respect to Ms. Henley's condition?

10 A. Prior to the meeting that we had?

11 Q. Prior to your joining the meeting and
12 reviewing the x-rays.

13 A. No.

14 Q. During the meeting but prior to the time
15 that you reviewed the x-rays, were you told what
16 Dr. Gould's opinion was with respect to what disease
17 or diseases Ms. Henley was suffering from?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Had you heard any comments or any
20 questions asked about whether or not this was a lung
21 primary or a thymic primary?

22 A. No.

23 Q. When was the first time that was
24 mentioned?

25 A. I believe I suggested it after having

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1 reviewed the x-rays.

2 Q. And what was the basis that you were
3 suggesting it on?

4 A. The fact that there was no evidence -- no
5 convincing evidence to be sure of any lung primary.

6 Q. And are you able to say which x-rays you
7 base that on or which radiographs you based your
8 opinion on at that time?

9 A. Well, it was based on a PA and lateral
10 chest x-ray performed I believe in January 1998 and
11 followed by a CAT scan in the same month.

12 Q. Did you review any other radiographs at
13 the time that you concluded that this was a primary
14 thymic carcinoma rather than a lung cancer?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What else?

17 A. There were subsequent PA and lateral
18 chest x-rays and portable chest x-rays.

19 Q. Do you remember which ones you looked at?

20 A. I looked at all that was provided but I
21 can't recite the dates.

22 Q. And do you know if the x-rays that are
23 sitting here now which counsel has at the deposition
24 are the same as the x-rays that you looked at or
25 additional or some combination of the two?

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1 A. To the best of my recollection, they are
2 the same x-rays.

3 Q. Do you recall any x-rays --

4 MR. BARRON: Can we have a clarification?
5 When you say additional, you mean additional for
6 that time frame or --

7 MS. CHABER: Additional to what he saw on
8 that date when he formed his opinion.

9 MR. BARRON: She's asking in this

10 envelope do we have any x-rays beyond the ones you
11 saw at the first meeting?

12 THE WITNESS: I think that you've
13 provided me with x-rays yesterday late in her course
14 that were not presented at the initial meeting but
15 they did not impact at all on the basis of the
16 opinion that I had at that time.

17 MS. CHABER: Q. You rereviewed x-rays
18 yesterday?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. With counsel again?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Are there any notes from that review of
23 x-rays?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And did the lawyers take any notes?

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1 A. Not to the best of my knowledge.

2 Q. And you have never written any kind of
3 report with respect to your opinions in this case?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Have you had conversations with Dr. Gould
6 about this case subsequent to that first meeting?

7 A. Oh, I believe we had some comment at
8 lunch that it was an interesting case but really no
9 in-depth discussion or analysis.

10 Q. And what about it made it an interesting
11 case?

12 A. It's very unusual.

13 Q. And what is unusual?

14 A. First of all, that this lesion is so
15 large -- this mediastinal mass is so large without
16 any convincing evidence of pathology in the lung or
17 primary in the lung. Secondly, the fact that it
18 could be so big and in that location causing so much
19 compression of the pulmonary artery and still that
20 the recurrent laryngeal nerve apparently was left
21 intact, was unaffected.

22 Thirdly, the distribution of the mass
23 extending lateral to the aortic arch and involving
24 the anterior mediastinum; and, fourthly, that even
25 at the time of bronchoscopy with a six centimeter

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1 mass no endobronchial lesion was seen.

2 Q. Anything else?

3 MR. BARRON: Anything else what?

4 MS. CHABER: That made it unusual.

5 MR. BARRON: I just want to make sure we
6 are talking about the same thing.

7 THE WITNESS: Those are the factors that
8 I recall that caught my attention.

9 MS. CHABER: Q. Have you ever diagnosed
10 or consulted on any other case where the
11 differential diagnosis was between a small cell lung
12 carcinoma and a primary thymic carcinoma?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And when was that?

15 A. Approximately two months ago.

16 Q. And where was that?

17 A. Rush Presbyterian Saint Luke's Medical
18 Center.

19 Q. Was this a clinical patient?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And what was the course of disease in
22 that person?

23 A. That person presented with an
24 approximately two centimeter mediastinal node with
25 nothing recognized in the lung on the chest x-ray or

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1 CT scan in which I diagnosed a small cell carcinoma
2 in the lung at the time of bronchoscopy.

3 Q. And in that case you concluded that the
4 primary site was the lung; is that correct?

5 A. That's my diagnosis.

6 Q. And had you not found a lesion when you
7 performed a bronchoscopy, is it your testimony that
8 you would have concluded it was a thymic primary?

9 MR. BARRON: Objection. The phrase,
10 quote, is it your testimony, closed quote, is
11 argumentative as phrased.

12 MS. CHABER: Q. You can answer.

13 A. My diagnosis in that situation would be a
14 small cell diagnosis, a primary unknown.

15 Q. Why would you not under those
16 circumstances conclude since there was a two
17 centimeter mediastinal mass that it was not a thymic
18 primary; why would you conclude that it was unknown?

19 A. Well, first of all, that the associated
20 two centimeter mass to use your term was in the
21 location very typical for a lymph node. And, in
22 fact, on biopsing that turned out to be a lymph node
23 with small cell carcinoma within it. There was
24 nothing in the anterior mediastinum and nothing to
25 suggest a mass apart from what was proven to be the

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1 lymph node.

2 Q. Subsequent to that first meeting with the
3 lawyers and Dr. Gould and up to your meeting
4 yesterday with the lawyers, have you had any other
5 meetings with lawyers or doctors regarding the
6 Henley matter?

7 A. Only phone conversations with
8 Mr. Sirridge regarding this meeting in this case.

9 Q. Regarding logistics of this meeting or
10 regarding substance of this meeting?

11 A. Regarding travel arrangements and
12 logistics of this meeting.

13 Q. I think you said you --

14 A. Let me correct that because he had to
15 provide a statement of what I believed and so there
16 must have been some discussion with him regarding
17 the paragraph of what I was going to be testifying
18 about so that would be the extent of it.

19 Q. And have you ever reviewed that
20 paragraph?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And do you have it with you?

23 A. I believe it's here but it's not in my
24 possession.

25 MS. CHABER: Counsel, can you produce it

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1 before the depo is over?

2 MR. BARRON: I think he's probably
3 referring to the disclosure.

4 MS. CHABER: I don't know what he's
5 referring to so I'd ask you to produce whatever it

6 is that he's subsequently reviewed so that I can see
7 it.

8 MR. BARRON: I didn't provide it to him
9 so I can't answer but we will find out during the
10 break. I assume it's the disclosure of expert
11 document and I don't have that with me right at the
12 moment.

13 MS. CHABER: I said before the depo is
14 over. I didn't expect you to jump up and go get it.

15 Q. There are Post-its both on the side of
16 the records contained in the black binder of what
17 looks like from a drug company; is that correct?

18 A. Let me see that. That's correct.

19 Q. And then there are yellow Post-its at the
20 top?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you place all the Post-its?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And the purpose of the Post-its?

25 A. To draw my attention to the page for

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1 quick reference.

2 MS. CHABER: And when we get an
3 opportunity at the break or subsequent to, I would
4 ask the court reporter to copy those pages which
5 have Post-its.

6 MR. BARRON: Should we identify the
7 binder as an exhibit so we know from where the
8 Post-its came from that she's going to have copied?

9 MS. CHABER: Correct. I'd ask you to
10 attach as plaintiff's next in order the table of
11 contents from the binder.

12 MR. BARRON: That would be Exhibit 4, I
13 believe.

14 MS. CHABER: Yeah, I think the letter is
15 3 and the pages contained therein as part of Exhibit
16 4.

17 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Nos. 3
18 and 4 were marked for identification.)

19 MS. CHABER: Now, there was a set of
20 records that was being copied and given to me.

21 Q. Can you explain what these records are
22 that are indicated in the package that was handed to
23 me that was separate and apart from the binder?

24 MR. BARRON: Just to help you, we tried
25 to assist you by creating an index, so that's what

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1 they are. You can get confirmation from him and you
2 can ask him when he looked at them but that's the
3 purpose of us providing that for you.

4 THE WITNESS: These were additional
5 records that were presented to me yesterday. As the
6 front page indicates, they are updated records from
7 the East Valley Hematology and Oncology Consultants,
8 updated records of Saint Joseph Medical Center and
9 records from the Alta Bates Medical Center.

10 MS. CHABER: Q. And these updated
11 records do they also include records that were
12 contained within the binder, the documents that
13 we've marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 4?

14 A. Some of these records are in the binder.

15 Q. Okay. And I see that there is no --
16 there are no Post-its or highlighting on any of the

17 records in this updated records group. Did you do
18 any highlighting or tabbing of documents within
19 this?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you know where the copy is that
22 had your tabbing or highlighting?

23 A. We went through that copy this morning
24 and that was the only original and that's what was
25 used for copying purposes so those Post-its were

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1 taken off for the purpose of copying. That's my
2 understanding.

3 Q. Do you know what pages you put Post-its
4 on?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Was there anything in these records which
7 we'll attach the index as plaintiff's next in order
8 that changed or confirmed your opinion in this case?

9 A. There was additional information in there
10 that I found supportive of my position.

11 Q. And what additional information was that?

12 A. There is reference in there I believe to
13 the fact that the patient had a normal voice.

14 Q. And what does that indicate to you?

15 A. That this tumor was -- that it is unusual
16 for a tumor from the lung to involve nodes in this
17 region and spare the vocal cord, although it --
18 especially when it reaches a six centimeter size.

19 Q. When you say it's unusual, has it ever
20 happened in your experience?

21 A. I don't recall it ever happening in my
22 experience.

23 Q. How many --

24 MR. BARRON: Let me just interject here.
25 You asked him what he found in there I think. I

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1 don't remember the exact words supported or helped
2 in any way with his opinion. I forgot the
3 terminology. You didn't let him I think finish.
4 You started asking questions about the first thing
5 he mentioned. I think there are others in there. I
6 don't want you to be misled about that.

7 THE WITNESS: There were a dozen entries
8 of Post-its or more that I made upon reviewing those
9 records early this morning. I don't recall right
10 now the page number or specific information on the
11 various pages but there was additional information
12 in those records.

13 MS. CHABER: Q. That you felt were
14 supportive of your position?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Just to clarify, your position is that
17 this is a small cell thymic carcinoma?

18 A. My position is that this is a small cell
19 carcinoma probably of thymic origin but possibly
20 from some other site.

21 Q. And have you excluded the possibility
22 that the other site might be the lung?

23 A. Not entirely excluded but highly
24 unlikely.

25 Q. If it is not a thymic primary, what are

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1 the other likely sites?

2 A. We have meaning -- we meaning Dr. Gould
3 and I have been interested in the phenomenon of
4 primary epithelial tumors arising within nodes and
5 it is possible this case represents such an entity.

6 Q. And how many of small cell tumors have
7 you reviewed where the primary site was in the node
8 and the tumor was diagnosed based on a mediastinal
9 mass?

10 A. None that I know of but it is a diagnosis
11 of exclusion of all other sites.

12 Q. And have you excluded all other sites in
13 Ms. Henley's case?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Would it be fair to say, then, that while
16 you believe Ms. Henley has a small cell cancer, you
17 cannot say with any certainty what the primary site
18 is?

19 MR. BARRON: Objection. The question is
20 argumentative as phrased when you say, quote, is it
21 fair, closed quote, and ambiguous as you used the
22 word certainty in that question.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't know with any
24 certainty where this tumor came from.

25 MS. CHABER: When I say certainty,

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1 Doctor, I'm talking about reasonable medical
2 certainty.

3 Q. Do you have an opinion to a reasonable
4 degree of medical certainty as to where the primary
5 site of Ms. Henley's small cell carcinoma is?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what is that opinion?

8 A. That is the thymic primary.

9 Q. And if I understood you correctly,
10 earlier this would be the first small cell thymic
11 primary that you had seen in your career; is that
12 correct?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And do you have any plans or intentions
15 of publishing or writing about this highly unusual
16 case?

17 A. I've not made any plans.

18 Q. And do you know -- do you have an
19 opinion, sir, whether or not cigarette smoking
20 causes any disease in humans?

21 A. I think when it comes to terminologies
22 such as causation, that's best left to other disease
23 entities, other issues. Today we are talking about
24 the relationship of smoking to diseases as a risk
25 factor rather than a simple cause and effect

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1 relationship.

2 Q. You practice clinical medicine?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. And during the course of your practicing
5 clinical medicine do you ever discuss with a patient
6 or that patient's family what is the cause of that
7 individual's disease?

8 A. I don't use the word cause. I talk in
9 terms of risk factors.

10 Q. In your clinical experience as a thoracic
11 surgeon, have you ever had to give -- render the
12 diagnosis of lung cancer to an individual or their

13 family?
14 A. Oh, yes.
15 Q. On how many occasions?
16 A. In my career?
17 Q. In your career.
18 A. Probably a thousand patients.
19 Q. And how many patients have you diagnosed
20 where the diagnosis has been small cell lung cancer
21 of those thousand?
22 A. Of those thousand, probably 200.
23 Q. And how many of those 200 people with
24 small cell lung cancer smoked?
25 A. All of them.

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1 Q. And --
2 A. Well, may I ask you to define smoker?
3 Q. A person who takes a cigarette and
4 inhales it over some period of their life?
5 A. And when a patient then quits smoking,
6 are they a nonsmoker the day after they quit
7 smoking? I'm asking you to define what a smoker is.
8 Q. What is your definition, Doctor, of a
9 smoker?
10 A. Somebody who is actively smoking or who
11 has quit smoking for 15 years or less.
12 Q. And how many of the 1,000 patients where
13 you have diagnosed lung cancer -- strike that.
14 How many of the 200 small cell lung
15 cancers that you have diagnosed over your career
16 were smokers in your definition of smoker?
17 A. All but one.
18 Q. And with respect to the one individual of
19 the 200 small cell lung cancers that you diagnosed
20 over your career, did you have any opinion as to
21 what was the cause of that person's lung cancer?
22 A. Now we are back to cause. There's a high
23 correlation with smoking. It's a high risk factor
24 in the development of lung cancer but it is not a
25 simple cause and effect relationship.

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1 Q. Of those two -- of those 199 small cell
2 lung cancers in smokers as you have defined smokers,
3 did you ever tell any of them or their families that
4 this was a smoking-related lung cancer?
5 A. I don't remember each and every
6 conversation. I think most patients assume that
7 that is the case but I don't believe I'm in a
8 position to look at a patient and be able to tell
9 them how they got a cancer.
10 Q. If a patient that you have diagnosed a
11 small cell lung cancer and says to you, Doctor, how
12 did this happen to me, do you give them an answer?
13 A. I tell them that they are engaging in
14 risky behavior and the number one risk factor is
15 smoking.
16 Q. How do you define cause and effect when
17 in the clarification that you've given as between
18 being able to tell somebody that something caused
19 their disease?
20 A. Do you want me to give you an example
21 where cause and effect would be appropriate terms?
22 Q. I want you to define for me what you mean
23 by cause and effect when it relates to medical

24 causation?

25 A. I think if a patient falls out a window

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1 two floors and they end up breaking their leg, that
2 that fall caused the break of the leg. If you take
3 a hundred individuals and they take the same fall,
4 then the vast majority of them will break something
5 and the cause of that break is the fall. I think
6 that there is a very clear relationship there that
7 is not my opinion about smoking. Most people who
8 are smokers don't develop lung cancer.

9 Q. What's the percentage?

10 A. Something on the order of 10 to 15
11 percent.

12 Q. And can you tell me what that translates
13 to in numbers of individuals who developed lung
14 cancer who smoke?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Those statistics of the number of lung
17 cancers that are diagnosed each year are you
18 familiar with those statistics?

19 A. Not particularly.

20 Q. If you wanted to know what that number
21 is, what source would you go to?

22 A. Probably the American Cancer Society.

23 Q. Now, you were giving me an example of
24 your definition of cause and effect and you used an
25 incident and a result. I'd ask you to answer the

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1 same question what your definition of cause and
2 effect is when you are talking about disease as
3 opposed to an event-related thing such as a broken
4 leg.

5 A. Well, at the risk of sounding
6 argumentative trauma is certainly a disease and we
7 study it as a disease entity that people study it as
8 a phase of medicine in the broadest sense of the
9 word trauma is a form of disease. Are you asking
10 for another example?

11 Q. I'm asking for your definition outside
12 the area of trauma of how you would define cause and
13 effect with respect to disease?

14 A. If a patient has something like an
15 infectious disease where an agent has been
16 identified, a mechanism is identified and a result
17 predictably occurs after exposure to that agent in a
18 high percentage of cases, then there's a cause and
19 effect.

20 Q. And you do not believe that that has been
21 established with respect to smoking, sir?

22 A. That's my understanding.

23 Q. Is it your medical opinion that there is
24 not established a cause and effect relationship
25 between smoking cigarettes and cancer of the lung?

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1 A. It's my understanding that smoking is a
2 risk factor and it is correlated with the
3 development of lung cancer but I have not had
4 anybody explain to me beyond simply the correlation
5 a cause and effective relationship between that
6 risky behavior and the development of the cancer.

7 MS. CHABER: Would you read my question
8 back, please?

9 (Record read)
10 MS. CHABER: Q. I ask you the same
11 question again.
12 MR. BARRON: I think he answered it.
13 MS. CHABER: I know you do. I don't. I
14 think he answered a different question.
15 Q. Do you believe, Doctor, that it has not
16 been established that smoking cigarettes causes lung
17 cancer?
18 A. I believe that the term cause should not
19 be used today in answering the question of the
20 relationship of smoking and lung cancer.
21 Q. And what is the reason why?
22 A. Because the exact mechanism and an
23 individual predictability of that behavior and the
24 subsequent development of cancer cannot be
25 determined with any degree of certainty.

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1 MS. CHABER: Let's take a break. We've
2 been going about an hour.
3 (Short break 12:06 p.m. to 12:19 p.m.)
4 MS. CHABER: Q. Do you make any
5 differentiation between a malignant thymoma and a
6 thymic cancer or are those terms as used by you
7 synonymous?
8 A. Well, I don't think the term thymic
9 cancer is used very often. Most people talk in
10 terms of epithelial neoplasms of the thymus benign
11 and malignant. Malignant thymoma being probably the
12 most common term.
13 Q. How many cases of malignant thymoma are
14 reported in a year in the United States?
15 A. I don't know the statistics, Counsel.
16 Q. Would you agree that a diagnosis of a
17 malignant thymoma is a diagnosis of exclusion?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Would you agree that the rendering of a
20 diagnosis of primary small cell carcinoma of the
21 thymus must be based on the exclusion of a primary
22 tumor elsewhere?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And would you agree that it can be very
25 difficult in the lifetime of the patient to

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1 establish a primary malignant small cell carcinoma
2 of the thymus?
3 A. I think to answer your question, you can
4 suspect. But given that until fairly recently, most
5 people assumed that small cell carcinomas in the
6 mediastinum had a lung primary that simply wasn't
7 recognized, didn't even consider the possibility of
8 small cell carcinoma of the thymus, so as an entity
9 it really has only been raised in the differential
10 relatively recently.
11 Q. Would you agree with the following
12 statement: Small cell carcinoma of the lung is
13 known to metastasize massively to the mediastinum at
14 a very early stage when the primary is not
15 detectable by radiographic means?
16 A. I agree with that statement.
17 Q. Would you agree with the statement that
18 multiple endoscopic biopsies and cell washings or
19 brushings are necessary to exclude the possibility

20 of a small or occult lung primary in the presence of
21 bulky mediastinal disease?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And do you recognize Drs. Suster and
24 Moran, M-o-r-a-n, as authorities in the field?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Do you know who they are?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Are you familiar with the royal college
4 of pathologists of Australia?

5 A. I'm familiar with the entity.

6 Q. Are you familiar with any publications or
7 work that they have done on thymic carcinomas?

8 A. Can you repeat the authors?

9 Q. Suster, S-u-s-t-e-r, and Moran,
10 M-o-r-a-n?

11 A. The names don't mean anything to me.

12 Q. Are you familiar with the Mt. Sinai
13 Medical Center?

14 A. There are many.

15 Q. University of Miami School of Medicine?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are you familiar with a Saul Suster from
18 that facility?

19 A. I'm not familiar with him.

20 Q. Have you ever heard of him?

21 A. I don't recall.

22 Q. Are you familiar with the Armed Forces
23 Institute of Pathology?

24 A. Oh, yes.

25 Q. And are you familiar with Dr. Cesar,

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1 C-e-s-a-r, Moran, M-o-r-a-n, from that institute?

2 A. The name doesn't ring a bell but I'm
3 certainly familiar with the Armed Forces Institute
4 of Pathology.

5 Q. And what articles, if any, do you rely on
6 in rendering your opinion in this case?

7 A. I have brought some articles on the
8 entity of small cell carcinoma of the thymus; and
9 upon reading those, they supported my conclusion
10 upon reviewing the records and the x-rays.

11 Q. Could you please produce them?

12 MR. BARRON: Just gather them and then --

13 MS. CHABER: Q. You've produced two
14 articles?

15 A. I have.

16 Q. Are those all of the articles that you
17 have just made reference to that you have reviewed
18 that you believe support your position that this is
19 probably a primary thymic tumor?

20 A. Articles as distinct from textbooks, yes.

21 Q. And what textbooks do you rely on for
22 your opinion in this case?

23 A. Standard thoracic surgical textbooks, two
24 of which would be Pearson and Shields.

25 Q. And Pearson is P-e-a-r-s-o-n?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And these are two separate ones and
3 Shields is the second?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. And the articles that you have
6 produced -- and we will copy them and attach them to
7 the deposition as well, but I want to identify them.
8 The first is carcinoid tumors and oat cell
9 carcinomas of the thymus.

10 And I'll just read the -- they're usually
11 identified by the first name author. The short
12 identification of the medical article is it usually
13 the first named author or the last named author?

14 A. Often the first three named authors.

15 Q. Okay. Rosai, R-o-s-a-i; Levine,
16 L-e-v-i-n-e; Webber; and Higa, H-i-g-a.

17 Is the typical protocol of the names of
18 authors credited to an article that the senior
19 scientist is cited first?

20 MR. BARRON: Objection. The question is
21 vague and ambiguous in terms of the phrase, quote,
22 senior scientist, closed quote.

23 THE WITNESS: Practices change. In fact,
24 the first there I believe is a chapter of a -- an
25 annual periodical as opposed to a monthly journal

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1 and the practice may be different there than you
2 would assume for an article in which case the lead
3 author would be the most senior.

4 MS. CHABER: Q. And is there any typical
5 protocol on an article as you've distinguished as
6 between that and the manual periodical in terms of
7 the last named author being generally the most
8 junior?

9 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?

10 Q. Let me try it over again. You
11 distinguish between this first article being from an
12 annual periodical and it being from a journal that
13 is the typical publication on a monthly basis,
14 right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you have published in the medical
17 journals as an author?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is there a typical protocol for articles
20 that are published in medical journals as to the
21 status of the last named author?

22 A. I don't believe there's a standard
23 protocol for that.

24 Q. Now, you indicated that this first
25 article that you identified came from an annual

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1 periodical. Is it referenced anywhere on this what
2 periodical this came from?

3 A. If you show it to me, I'll see if it's
4 mentioned. No, I don't believe it's mentioned in
5 here.

6 Q. Do you know what periodical?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And could you tell us?

9 A. Pathology Annual.

10 Q. And do you know the date?

11 A. 1976.

12 Q. And is Pathology Annual a publication
13 that is still being published?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And it comes out once a year?

16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And do you know if since 1976 and this
18 chapter from Pathology Annual whether there have
19 been any subsequent mention in Pathology Annual of
20 thymic carcinomas?
21 A. There may have been but I didn't recall
22 all issues of Pathology Annual.
23 Q. Is that something that you regularly
24 review?
25 A. No.

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1 Q. And is this an article that you've handed
2 me from Pathology Annual which I guess we are up
3 to --
4 MR. BARRON: Six.
5 MS. CHABER: I think five was going to be
6 the updated orders.
7 MR. BARRON: I have made an effort to try
8 to reconstruct on what pages you originally had
9 Post-its. They were removed for purposes of
10 photocopying just as you were coming. I have a list
11 of pages. I can't tell you with absolute certainty
12 that it's entirely accurate. I think it is probably
13 that or close to it. I'd be happy to give you those
14 pages.
15 MS. CHABER: Why don't we just attach
16 that as 5A.
17 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Nos. 5
18 and 5A were marked for identification.)
19 MR. BARRON: And you are free to -- once
20 he looks at these pages if you want him to do so,
21 you are free to have him look through the entire
22 document to see if there are any others he remembers
23 flagging with a Post-it that we didn't capture in
24 some way.
25 MS. CHABER: I think he'd rather make his

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1 airplane today than necessarily have me do that, but
2 I will see. I'll leave that for a later time and
3 take your representation that you've made your best
4 effort to reconstruct it.
5 MR. BARRON: And it was removal for the
6 purposes I said rather than not letting you see
7 where they were.
8 MS. CHABER: I have no doubt that it was
9 for a benign purpose. So the pages identified would
10 be 5A, then this is 5; is that correct?
11 MR. BARRON: Yeah, the entire set of
12 records are 5.
13 MS. CHABER: And then the page identifier
14 of where on your best efforts the tabs would have
15 been will be 5A and then this article I've
16 identified from Pathology Annual will be 6.
17 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 6 was
18 marked for identification.)
19 MS. CHABER: Q. Do you know any of the
20 authors that are listed in this first article
21 Exhibit 6?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. And tell me who you know?
24 A. I know Dr. Wand Rosai.
25 Q. How do you know him?

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1 A. I know him through Dr. Victor Gould.
2 Q. And do you have a professional
3 association with Dr. Rosai?
4 A. Can you please define professional
5 association?
6 Q. As opposed to a golf buddy.
7 A. I've never met the man.
8 Q. You have heard of him through Dr. Gould?
9 A. Correct.
10 Q. And is this an article that Dr. Gould
11 recommended that you review with respect to this
12 case?
13 A. No.
14 Q. When was the first time you reviewed this
15 article?
16 A. Approximately a week ago, the first
17 time -- it's possible I reviewed this particular
18 article several years ago. In 1981 I was doing a
19 great deal of reading on thymic tumors as part of a
20 research project and I recalled that this article
21 was out there but that was, as I say 1981, and I
22 rereviewed it and reread it for purposes of jogging
23 my memory approximately two weeks ago.
24 Q. Now, did you yourself accumulate these
25 articles or were they given to you by counsel?

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1 A. Oh, no, I xeroxed -- I not only found it,
2 I xeroxed it with my own hands.
3 Q. That's pretty good. Were there other
4 articles other than these two articles -- and we
5 will attach the second one called, "Oat Cell
6 Carcinoma of the Thymus, Wick," and I'm not even
7 going to try to pronounce this S-c-h-e-i-t-h-a-u-e-r
8 a 1982 article from the journal Cancer and that
9 would be Plaintiff's 7.
10 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 7 was
11 marked for identification.)
12 MS. CHABER: Q. Were there any other
13 articles that you reviewed in this time period with
14 respect to this case which you rejected because they
15 did not support your opinion?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Are these the only two articles 6 and 7
18 which you reviewed with respect to your opinion in
19 this case?
20 A. No.
21 Q. What other articles did you review?
22 A. I reviewed other articles specifically
23 documenting the distribution of tumors of the thymus
24 glands.
25 MS. CHABER: And can you tell me what

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1 those articles -- do you have any others in your
2 briefcase so we don't have to do this as an
3 unveiling moment, I'm entitled to, and have noticed
4 the deposition for him to produce all of the
5 materials of which he read, reviewed and relied
6 upon.
7 MR. BARRON: I think there may have been
8 a misunderstanding because I think you asked him
9 relied upon in terms of a particular opinion; and,
10 Doctor, if there are any things that you have that
11 you have reviewed whether they are viewed by you as

12 something you rely on or whether they are just
13 something that forms the background of the case in
14 any way or just something that you found
15 interesting, please provide it so we don't have an
16 issue about that.

17 THE WITNESS: I made reference to two
18 standard textbooks that I rely on regularly for all
19 kinds of things.

20 MS. CHABER: I don't expect you to pull
21 those out of your briefcase.

22 THE WITNESS: But I made a list -- and
23 you are welcome to this -- of three articles on Oat
24 Cell or Small Cell Neuroendocrine Carcinomas of or
25 Relating to or in the Differential Diagnosis of

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1 Thymoma. And I was able to find two and I wasn't
2 able to find the third one. I'm still looking for
3 that. And the four references at the bottom are as
4 indicated in the margin, references relating to the
5 distribution of thymomas in the mediastinum and
6 neck.

7 Q. And do you have any of these articles
8 from the document that you've handed to me which we
9 will attach as Plaintiff's 8 with you?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. Would you provide those?
12 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 8 was
13 marked for identification.)

14 THE WITNESS: I'm not trying to be -- I'm
15 trying to answer the question as clearly as I can.
16 I have four articles, duplicates of one it
17 appears -- four articles relating to the
18 distribution of thymomas in the chest and this is
19 simply a duplicate of this. I'm not sure why I have
20 two.

21 MS. CHABER: Okay. You've handed them to
22 me.

23 Q. Are they in any particular order?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Okay.

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1 (Off the record)

2 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit Nos. 9,
3 10, 11 and 12 were marked for
4 identification.)

5 MS. CHABER: I'm just going to identify
6 for the record what we have marked. I believe the
7 last thing we identified was Plaintiff's Exhibit 8
8 which is a half sheet of paper with the --

9 Q. Doctor, this is your handwriting on here?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. -- with the doctor's handwriting of some
12 articles, all of which he has brought with the
13 exception of one that he is still looking for; is
14 that correct?

15 A. May I see this sheet of paper? I'm
16 sorry, would you mind showing me the articles again?
17 I didn't check one off here. Just to be absolutely
18 clear, I think it's just this one that I'm missing.
19 That is correct that I am simply missing this one
20 article.

21 Q. By this one article could you read it
22 into the record so I don't have to try to make out

23 your handwriting?

24 A. It may be that this reference is
25 inaccurate but the reference that I got is
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1 Anticancer Research, Volume I, 1981, pages 335 to
2 340. That's what I'm looking for. I have found the
3 journal but I haven't found this issue.

4 Q. So Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 then represents
5 the articles that you have reviewed in connection
6 with this case, all of which you have provided with
7 the exception of the one you just described and
8 which is not checked off on Exhibit 8; is that
9 correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. Where did you get these references from?

12 A. I got those references from standard
13 thoracic textbooks and I provided you with two
14 references, two textbooks.

15 Q. So would the order of this have been that
16 you went to the textbooks and then you took some
17 references from those textbooks, put them on a list,
18 and then attempted to get the articles themselves?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And I think we had described up through
21 Exhibit 7 of the articles. Exhibit 9 is a case of
22 thymoma arising from undescended thymus with the
23 first named author Fukuda, F-u-k-u-d-a, and it's an
24 article from the European Journal of Nuclear
25 Medicine in 1980. Exhibit 10 is Left Hilar Thymoma
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1 Report of a Case and the first named author is
2 Cosio, C-o-s-i-o, hyphen Pascal, P-a-s-c-a-l.

3 Doctor, can you identify from what
4 journal that comes?

5 A. Yeah, I'm sure -- the name of the journal
6 is called Diseases of the Chest, Volume 51, 1967,
7 page 647.

8 Q. Exhibit 11 is entitled, "Thymoma Arising
9 from Undescended Cervical Thymic," first author
10 Ridenhour, R-i-d-e-n-h-o-u-r, from a journal called
11 Surgery, April 1970, and the next is Plaintiff's 12.
12 It's called, "Intrapulmonary Thymoma,"
13 and the first author's name is Yeoh, Y-e-o-h, and it
14 looks like it's from the Journal of Thoracic and
15 Cardiovascular Surgery, January 1966.

16 Now, with the exception of the article
17 that you have not found as of yet, do the articles
18 that we have attached represent all of the articles
19 that you have reviewed with respect to your opinions
20 in this case?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And other than Dr. Rosai you indicated
23 earlier do you know any of the authors of any of
24 these articles that you have presented?

25 A. Yes, I know Dr. Wick. I know of Dr. Wick
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1 to be more precise.

2 Q. And have you discussed with any other
3 doctor other than mentioned a possible lunch with
4 Dr. Gould the circumstances or facts of this case?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Are you familiar with the journal
7 Pathology?

8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Is that a journal that you -- strike
10 that. Are there some journals that you regularly
11 receive in your practice?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Is the journal "Pathology" one of those
14 journals?
15 A. No.
16 Q. What are the journals that you regularly
17 receive in your practice?
18 A. The journal of the American Medical
19 Association, the annals of Thoracic Surgery, the
20 journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery,
21 Chest -- those are the main ones. There are
22 additional journals that come my way on a regular
23 basis but I don't subscribe to such as Contemporary
24 Surgery and so on.
25 Q. And the journal Pathology, is that a
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1 recognized journal?
2 A. Well, they are the annals of Pathology
3 and the American Journal of Pathology. I'm not
4 familiar with one called simply Pathology. I
5 thought of another one, the Chest Surgery Clinics of
6 North America.
7 Q. Just for the clarification of the record
8 plaintiff's next in order, which would be 12, will
9 be the notice of the deposition. We can do that
10 afterwards.
11 MR. BARRON: I'm sorry, I thought the
12 last article was 12.
13 MS. CHABER: Oh, I thought it was 11.
14 12.
15 MR. BARRON: Basic math.
16 MS. CHABER: You are correct. The notice
17 of deposition would be 13 if I am getting my
18 numbering sequence correct.
19 Q. In your review of the materials in this
20 case, including but not limited to, the radiographic
21 materials, was there any evidence indicating a mass
22 in the interior mediastinum?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Okay. Can you tell me which materials,
25 whether it's records or radiographs, indicate a mass

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1 in the anterior?
2 A. There is an x-ray report and I read an
3 x-ray -- chest x-ray and CAT scan that showed
4 involvement of the anterior mediastinum.
5 Q. And could you identify those, please?
6 A. Sure.
7 MR. BARRON: It's about ten of. Do you
8 want to take this time to have lunch and sort out
9 these x-rays?
10 MS. CHABER: That would make sense.
11 THE WITNESS: I notice there is from time
12 to time another observer. How are we going to do
13 x-rays so he can see?
14 MS. CHABER: That's Bill's problem.
15 MR. BARRON: We will figure out
16 something.
17 THE WITNESS: I would be glad to put it
18 on the table.

19 MR. BARRON: It's not good during the
20 whole deposition because the court reporter is aided
21 by watching it.
22 MR. OHLEMEYER: So don't worry about me.
23 MR. BARRON: We can do that. We will
24 see. We can pull those out and look for them and
25 let's go get some lunch.

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1 MS. CHABER: Okay.
2 (Lunch from 12:52 p.m. to 1:27 p.m.)
3 (Mr. Ohlemeyer exited video conference)
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5 AFTERNOON SESSION
6 MS. CHABER: Q. Dr. Warren, did you have
7 discussions with any of the attorneys during the
8 break over lunch?
9 A. Not in reference to the case here.
10 Obviously discussed the pleasantries of San
11 Francisco but we didn't discuss anything to do with
12 the deposition or this case.
13 Q. Nothing with respect to any of the
14 questions that had been asked of you or any of the
15 answers that you may have given?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Can you tell me what the cause of primary
18 thymic carcinoma is?
19 A. I don't know.
20 Q. Can you tell me what the incidence of
21 malignant primary thymic carcinoma is?
22 A. I couldn't give you a statistic but it's
23 an unusual tumor.
24 Q. Can you define unusual for me?
25 A. Uncommon.

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1 Q. Is there some percentage or number, you
2 know, that you could ascribe to it, less than one
3 percent, you know, whatever?
4 A. Probably less than one percent of all
5 tumors in the body recorded in the year.
6 Q. And what is the incidence of a small cell
7 primary thymic carcinoma?
8 A. It is an unusual cell type for a thymoma
9 to have.
10 Q. And can you tell me in some numerical or
11 percentage fashion how many tumors in the body
12 presenting in a year present as a primary small cell
13 thymic carcinoma?
14 A. I would only be guessing. But since only
15 one percent is thymomas and this is an unusual
16 histology of thymoma obviously much less than one
17 percent.
18 Q. Do you know how many cases in the
19 worldwide literature of primary small cell thymomas
20 have been presented?
21 A. I think I have to be careful here because
22 this is a new entity. This is an entity that is
23 uncommon. It is an entity that many people assume
24 is related to an occult pulmonary primary and many
25 people are not interested enough in the subject of

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1 the source of the primary to pursue it.
2 So it may well go under reported. But if
3 you asked how many cases are in the literature, I

4 would think probably on the order of under 50 cases
5 reported as proven thymic small cell and exclusion
6 of other sites often requiring an autopsy to be
7 certain.

8 Q. And can you tell me what the incidence of
9 small cell carcinoma of the lung is?

10 A. As a number I can't give you the number.
11 It represents approximately 20 percent of all
12 primary lung cancers.

13 Q. Do you know if there is a greater or
14 lesser percentage of small cell primary lung cancers
15 in women than in men?

16 A. The statistics on that, as I recall, are
17 changing because the incidence of lung cancer in
18 women is rising. I would assume that the incidence
19 of small cell carcinoma in women is rising, too, but
20 I can't quote you any statistics.

21 Q. As histologic type of lung carcinoma in
22 women, do you know what percentage are small cell
23 carcinomas?

24 A. It's approximately the same today. In
25 the literature they suggested that it was an -- in
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1 the literature of the '70s, they suggested that
2 small cell carcinoma of the lung was uncommon, but
3 that's no longer true.

4 Q. Have you seen literature of today that
5 indicates that as between men and women small cell
6 carcinoma is found to a greater percentage as a
7 percentage of total lung cancers in women than in
8 men?

9 MR. BARRON: I'm going to object to the
10 question as being ambiguous.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't understand the
12 question.

13 MR. BARRON: That's why I objected. I
14 had trouble with it also.

15 MS. CHABER: Q. Are you familiar with
16 the differences in identification of cell type of
17 lung cancer in men and women?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what is that that you are familiar
20 with?

21 A. Adenocarcinoma tends to occur more in
22 women than men. That is a tendency but that the
23 incidence of small cell carcinoma men versus women
24 have stayed both the same.

25 Q. In women with lung cancer, the greatest
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1 percentage of them have what cell type?

2 A. Adenocarcinoma.

3 Q. And what's the next cell type, next
4 greatest percentage?

5 A. Probably squamous carcinoma.

6 Q. And what would be the next greatest
7 percentage?

8 A. Probably small cell carcinoma and large
9 cell carcinoma. There are different criteria for
10 what pathologists would call large cell versus adeno
11 so the statistics change from different reports.

12 Q. What percentage of lung cancers of the
13 small cell type spread to the mediastinum?

14 A. Repeat the question, please.

15 Q. What percentage --
16 MS. CHABER: Read it back.
17 (Record read)
18 THE WITNESS: Are you talking about in
19 the course of the disease or at the time of
20 presentation? I'm confused.
21 MS. CHABER: Fair enough.
22 Q. At the time of presentation what
23 percentage of lung cancers present with a hilar
24 mass?
25 A. That's a different question.
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1 Q. I understand. I changed my question.
2 A. I sure am glad I objected. What
3 percentage of -- please repeat the question.
4 (Record read)
5 THE WITNESS: All lung cancers? I'm
6 asking for clarification on that. What percentage
7 of all lung cancers present with a hilar mass; is
8 that the question?
9 MS. CHABER: Q. That's my initial
10 question.
11 A. 40 percent.
12 Q. And what percentage of small cell lung
13 cancers present with a hilar mass?
14 A. Let me just suggest that the term hilar
15 mass is one that is used rather loosely in medical
16 terms. And that if it is sort of central in the
17 lung, it is sometimes referred to by radiologists as
18 hilar.
19 As a surgeon the hilar mass is something
20 quite specific and something quite different that a
21 radiologist may refer to the hilum generally to
22 something central in the lungs so with that
23 clarification I would suggest that more than half of
24 the small cell carcinomas have pathology in the
25 region of the hilum.
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1 Q. In a woman with a left hilar mass and a
2 75 to 122-pack-year smoking history, what would be
3 the most likely diagnosis?
4 MR. BARRON: Can I have that reread?
5 THE WITNESS: Would what be the most
6 likely diagnosis?
7 MS. CHABER: Q. The question is, what
8 would be the most likely diagnosis?
9 MR. BARRON: I'm going to object to the
10 form of the question as being ambiguous and
11 potentially unintelligible as not containing enough
12 predicates to allow a meaningful answer.
13 MS. CHABER: Q. Go ahead.
14 A. Can you repeat the question again?
15 Q. In a woman with a left hilar mass and a
16 75 to 122-pack-year smoking history, what would be
17 the most likely diagnosis?
18 MR. BARRON: Same objection on the basis
19 that it's a hypothetical not containing enough
20 information and it's ambiguous.
21 MS. CHABER: Q. Go ahead, Doctor. You
22 started to answer.
23 A. In taking the question very literally as
24 you have suggested, probably the most likely
25 diagnosis is some form of lung cancer.

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1 Q. And do you know what the most common
2 cause of lung cancer is?

3 A. Well, we are getting back to the issue of
4 causation. I think that the most important risk
5 factor is smoking.

6 Q. Are there any risk factors that are
7 associated with a primary small cell thymic
8 carcinoma?

9 A. Not that I'm aware of.

10 Q. Is there any predisposing characteristics
11 of a person with a primary thymic carcinoma of the
12 small cell variety?

13 A. Not that I'm aware of.

14 Q. What percentage of lung cancers originate
15 in the mediastinum?

16 A. None.

17 Q. At presentation?

18 A. None.

19 Q. What percentage of lung cancers where
20 there is mediastinal involvement -- strike that.

21 What percentage of lung cancers have
22 mediastinal involvement?

23 A. Again, I need clarification. Are you
24 talking about on the course of the disease in an
25 autopsy series at the time of presentation to a

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1 surgeon, at the time of presentation to a family
2 practitioner, the numbers will change dramatically
3 so I need clarification.

4 Q. Why don't you go through the -- those
5 things that you've just indicated would affect the
6 answer to that and you can break them down by
7 origination course --

8 MR. BARRON: Let her finish. Are you
9 finished?

10 MS. CHABER: Etc.

11 MR. BARRON: Why don't you try rephrasing
12 it. I think that's ambiguous and unintelligible and
13 maybe calls for a narrative and he seems to be a
14 little bit lost anyway because he was about ready to
15 ask for a clarification. I think you can probably
16 break that down.

17 MS. CHABER: Q. What percentage of small
18 cell lung cancers present with a mediastinal mass?

19 THE WITNESS: I need clarification on
20 such things as mediastinal mass because that can be
21 a variety of things. So if you can -- if you can
22 elaborate a little bit more, I'd be glad to answer
23 your question.

24 MS. CHABER: Q. Tell me what the
25 different things a mediastinal mass can be.

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1 A. A mediastinal mass could be anything.
2 The mediastinum is a complex structure. It
3 represents everything between the lungs. It can be
4 a mass that is in the posterior mediastinum against
5 the spine.

6 It can be in the anterior mediastinum
7 behind the sternum. It can be mediastinal nodes in
8 the middle of the mediastinum. Chapters and
9 textbooks are written on the differential diagnosis
10 of pathology and masses in the mediastinum, so

11 that's why I'm asking for clarification.

12 Q. What percentage of lung cancers of the
13 small cell variety present with a mass in the
14 anterior mediastinum?

15 A. Very unusual, less than 10 percent,
16 probably less than 5 percent.

17 Q. Have you ever seen any lung cancers of
18 the small cell type that have presented with a mass
19 in the anterior mediastinum?

20 A. I can't remember a single case.

21 Q. Do small cell lung carcinomas grow from
22 the lung outward?

23 A. Please define outward. They grow and
24 they will grow in all directions. I don't
25 understand what you are saying.

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1 Q. Do small cell lung carcinomas grow in the
2 direction of the invasion of the tissue outside the
3 lung as opposed to growing further into pulmonary
4 lung tissue?

5 MR. BARRON: Again, I need to object. I
6 think the question's ambiguous because of the use of
7 the phrase do they grow. It's unclear to me whether
8 you mean is it possible that they grow in that way.

9 Are you saying do they always grow in
10 that way? Do they sometimes grow in that way? Do
11 they usually grow in that way? It's ambiguous as
12 phrased and could be misleading for you to reply
13 without that objection.

14 MS. CHABER: Q. Can you answer?

15 A. Tumors grow in two ways. They grow by
16 direct spread and they grow by establishing
17 metastatic disease. Small cell carcinoma is quite
18 good at doing both.

19 Q. When small cell carcinoma spreads by
20 direct spread -- when small cell lung carcinoma
21 spreads by direct spread, does it tend to spread
22 more frequently outward through the lung tissue,
23 through the pleura and into other organs or inward?

24 MR. BARRON: Objection. Ambiguous.

25 THE WITNESS: I agree in your terms of

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1 inward and outward. I mean, what you are defining
2 as in and out, they are not anatomic terms, so I
3 think I know what you are trying to say, but I want
4 you to ask me a question that I'm clear on.

5 MS. CHABER: Q. What do you think it is
6 that I'm trying to say in the correct terminology,
7 Doctor?

8 A. I think that lung cancer -- that small
9 cell lung cancer of the lung tends to grow by direct
10 spread and is particularly good at growing by
11 establishing metastases particularly through the
12 lymphatic channels.

13 And the lymphatic channels can overshadow
14 the direct spread in the lung, that the tumor in the
15 lung may be overshadowed by the involvement of
16 nodes. You talked about pleura and that could be
17 up, down, back, front, out, in.

18 So, you know, to be clear, outward spread
19 doesn't mean anything when you are deep in the
20 chest. If you mean radially growing by direct
21 spread, it could be growing inward as well as

22 outward, so that's why I'm confused in what you are
23 asking me.

24 Q. Do the greatest percentage of small cell
25 carcinomas of the lungs originate in the distal
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1 airways?

2 A. No.

3 Q. What is the origin of the greatest
4 percentage of small cell carcinomas of the lung?

5 A. I don't know that, but I can tell you
6 that most of them -- the tumor itself is found as a
7 central mass rather than a peripheral mass.

8 Q. Do you know the number of deaths each
9 year due to lung cancer?

10 A. I can't recite that to you.

11 Q. Do you know the number of deaths each
12 year due to primary thymic carcinoma?

13 MR. BARRON: I need to object to the due
14 to. We've had quite a dialogue, twice actually on
15 the record on the issue of causation and risk
16 factors, so I think your question of due to is
17 ambiguous, and it's unclear whether you mean
18 attributed by other people to that or whether you
19 are going to a particular statistic or just what?

20 MS. CHABER: Q. Doctor, there is an
21 incidence of death per disease type reported in this
22 country by year; is there not?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Can you tell me what is the incidence of
25 disease type of lung cancer deaths per year?

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1 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand your
2 question.

3 Q. How many deaths per year are reported due
4 to the person dying from lung cancer?

5 A. Something in excess of 200,000 cases a
6 year but that's a guess. I don't recall statistics.

7 Q. Do you know what the number of deaths per
8 year is of a person dying from a primary thymic
9 carcinoma of the small cell type?

10 A. It's a rare disease so I have to assume
11 that it is a few cases a year, no more.

12 Q. Less; it could be no cases in a given
13 year?

14 MR. BARRON: Hold on. Objection as to
15 the phrase could as being ambiguous in terms of
16 calling for pure possibilities or some higher
17 measure of incidence.

18 THE WITNESS: I have testified earlier
19 today that this disease tends to go unrecognized
20 because people assume without any proof that there
21 is a lung primary and some people aren't even aware
22 of the existence of this lesion, so the statistics
23 may well be misleadingly low, but it is certainly
24 much less frequent than small cell carcinoma of the
25 lung.

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1 MS. CHABER: Q. And where would it be
2 reported how many small cell carcinomas of the
3 primary in the thymus from which the person died,
4 where would I go to find that information?

5 A. To be honest with you, I don't know. I
6 would start probably with the American Cancer

7 Society but they simply keep records as reported to
8 them and for the reasons I mentioned above it's
9 likely to be underestimated.

10 Q. Now, I thought I understood you earlier
11 that these articles that you had presented, one of
12 the things that you were looking up was the
13 incidence of primary thymic carcinomas?

14 A. No, that's not what I was referring to
15 the articles for.

16 Q. What was your purpose -- what were you
17 looking for in looking up these particular articles
18 that we've -- that you've produced here today
19 Exhibits 6 through 12?

20 A. One is method of presentation and
21 location, clinical course.

22 Q. One was method of presentation; two was?

23 MR. BARRON: Location.

24 MS. CHABER: Location.

25 Q. And three was clinical course?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. In Exhibit 6, "Carcinoid Tumors and Oat
3 Cell Carcinomas of the Thymus," first, let's
4 clarify. Is oat cell carcinoma the same thing as a
5 small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma?

6 A. Colloquially speaking, yes, I think the
7 term oat cell carcinoma should be dropped and a more
8 accurate term is small cell neuroendocrine
9 carcinoma.

10 Q. As you understand the article by Rosai,
11 was he using the term oat cell carcinoma as
12 synonymous with small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma?

13 A. That's my understanding.

14 Q. And do you agree with his statement that
15 a primary thymic oat cell carcinoma will necessarily
16 remain a diagnosis of exclusion only verifiable at
17 the autopsy table?

18 A. I believe at the time he wrote that that
19 was true.

20 Q. And --

21 A. That was over 20 years ago.

22 Q. Okay. In your opinion that has changed
23 subsequently?

24 A. I think that that statement is too strong
25 for 1998.

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1 Q. Do you have any articles here from 1998?

2 A. You have every article that I brought.
3 There's nothing in my bag.

4 Q. Article 7 called, "Oat-Cell Carcinoma of
5 the Thymus" by Wick, etc.

6 A. Is that a question?

7 Q. I was looking for a hint of recognition
8 that you were recognizing the article before I went
9 on with the question.

10 A. I provided that article to you.

11 Q. Okay. Were the authors using oat cell
12 carcinoma as synonymous with small cell
13 neuroendocrine carcinoma?

14 A. That's my understanding.

15 Q. And do you agree with their statement as
16 the first statement in the abstract, quote, "Oat
17 cell carcinoma of the thymus gland is exceedingly

18 rare as a primary lesion and only a few cases have
19 been reported"?

20 A. That's a true statement.

21 Q. And the case that they were reporting
22 about was a case that arose in transition from a
23 carcinoid tumor of the thymus?

24 A. That's what they reported.

25 Q. And carcinoid tumor of the thymus is a
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1 nonmalignant tumor?

2 A. No. That's a malignant tumor.

3 Q. Is it of a different nature than a
4 different cell type?

5 A. It's of the same cell type.

6 Q. Is it of a different location?

7 A. No, it's the same location.

8 Q. What's the difference between a carcinoid
9 tumor of the thymus and an oat cell carcinoma of the
10 thymus?

11 A. Histologic pattern and clinical course.
12 They are different tumors.

13 Q. And what is the clinical course of a
14 carcinoid tumor of the thymus?

15 A. It is a slow progressive malignant course
16 with local extension and systematic metastases.

17 Q. And the oat cell carcinoma of the thymus,
18 what would you describe the clinical course?

19 A. It is more aggressive than carcinoid, but
20 from the case reports I reviewed not as aggressive
21 as the typical small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma
22 of the lung.

23 Q. Are you familiar with the tumor grading
24 level, low grade, high grade?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Is an oat cell carcinoma of the thymus a
2 high grade carcinoma?

3 A. Yes, it is.

4 Q. And in your opinion describe for me what
5 you mean by high grade?

6 A. Perhaps I should caution counsel about
7 the use of the term grade in pathology that, for
8 instance, adenocarcinoma of the colon can be low,
9 medium or high grade malignancy.

10 It is the same tumor with different
11 histologic features that reflect its degree of
12 aggressiveness. It is the same tumor. They are
13 described the same. They are all adenocarcinomas of
14 the colon but they can be of different grades.

15 In this use of the word grade, they are
16 simply saying that it is a very aggressive tumor.
17 The reason that this article is particularly
18 interesting is the coexistence of two different
19 tumors.

20 One happens to be a less aggressive tumor
21 and one is a highly aggressive tumor and they are
22 using the term high grade as synonymous with a
23 highly aggressive tumor.

24 Q. In this article weren't the authors
25 concluding that the high grade oat cell carcinoma

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1 was a tumor that had transitioned from the carcinoid
2 tumor which was the earlier presentation?

3 A. I don't recall that they made that
4 conclusion but I don't believe that that is true.
5 Q. And this paper by Wick Exhibit 7 was a
6 report of one case, correct?
7 A. That's correct.
8 Q. And the person was a 25-year-old person,
9 correct?
10 A. I don't recall the age of the patient.
11 Q. Okay. It would be reported -- you would
12 accept it if it was reported in the paper that the
13 person was 25 years old?
14 A. Of course.
15 Q. And that the person was a never smoker?
16 A. I would accept that.
17 Q. And you would agree with the physicians
18 in his reported case that it would be highly unusual
19 for this individual to have a lung carcinoma due to
20 his young age and his not having been a smoker?
21 MR. BARRON: I'm sorry, could you read
22 the question back?
23 MS. CHABER: Read it back.
24 (Record read)
25 MR. BARRON: Are you quoting from what

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1 you called the physicians? If so, I think you ought
2 to accurately --
3 MS. CHABER: I wasn't quoting. I was
4 asking whether he agreed with that interpretation of
5 this report Exhibit 7.
6 MR. BARRON: Just so I have the question,
7 are you asking him whether he --
8 MS. CHABER: Counsel, make a legal
9 objection, please, instead of coaching the witness
10 as to where you want the question to go. I think I
11 asked a question. I'd like him to tell me if he can
12 answer it. Were you able to answer the question?
13 MR. BARRON: I was trying to shortcut it.
14 I'm not trying to coach him. I'll object on the
15 basis that your statement contains something to
16 which there's been no foundation the statement about
17 the physicians without showing him a portion of the
18 article upon which he may or may not be relying for
19 that foundation.

20 MS. CHABER: Q. Can you answer the
21 question?
22 A. It is unusual for a 25-year-old to
23 develop lung cancer but I have seen it. I have seen
24 it in a patient as young as 16 years old. It is
25 unusual for a patient to develop lung cancer as a

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1 lifetime nonsmoker but that incidence is not
2 negligible and is rising.
3 Q. And what is the incidence of someone 25
4 years old or younger and a nonlifetime nonsmoker
5 developing lung cancer?
6 A. I would have to assume that it is very
7 unlikely.
8 Q. And this article from a Cancer magazine
9 in 1982 did you note that it indicated that to the
10 best of their knowledge -- the author's knowledge
11 that there were only two previous reports of primary
12 oat cell carcinoma in the literature?
13 A. I would respectfully suggest that the

14 journal of Cancer is not a magazine but apart from
15 that the fact that two cases they identified in the
16 literature is -- you have the paper in front of
17 you -- quite possible; but, again, I believe that
18 this entity goes underdiagnosed.

19 Q. Do you have any articles, citations to
20 authority and textbooks that say anything different
21 than what the authors of the article in Cancer
22 magazine stated; that is, that there were only two
23 previous reports of primary mediastinal oat cell
24 carcinomas in the literature?

25 A. That's a long question. Can you please

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1 repeat it?

2 (Record read)

3 THE WITNESS: Can you please simplify the
4 question? I accept what the authors are saying in
5 this article a long time ago.

6 MS. CHABER: Q. That at that time that
7 they wrote the article in 1982 were only two
8 reported cases of primary mediastinal carcinoma of
9 the oat cell variety?

10 MR. BARRON: You've got to let her
11 finish. We are getting too fast. I know there's
12 some anxiety on both your parts to try to
13 communicate on this issue.

14 MS. CHABER: I'm trying to hurry to get
15 him out of here.

16 MR. BARRON: No criticism here. Since we
17 are trying to be as precise as we can for your
18 benefit and for his as the witness, I want to make
19 sure that we don't mistakenly communicate. So slow
20 down and let her finish. And if she had finished,
21 let's have the court reporter read it back. And if
22 you understand it, answer. If you need
23 clarification, ask for the clarification.

24 (Record read)

25 MS. CHABER: Q. Doctor, would you agree

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1 that at the time that Wick wrote this article on oat
2 cell carcinoma of the thymus in the journal Cancer
3 in 1982 there had only been two reported cases of
4 oat cell carcinoma primary mediastinal site reported
5 in the literature?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Can you cite me to any other articles or
8 written authorities that would establish your answer
9 that there were not only two reported in the
10 literature in the time of 1982?

11 A. I believe it's right in front of you,
12 Counsel; namely, the other article which was written
13 six years previously where there's a whole chapter
14 on pathology annual.

15 Q. And the article you are referring to is
16 this the Rosai article?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And the authors did discuss the Rosai
19 article in this paper in the journal of Cancer?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And they noted that all six cases
22 reported by Rosai had been studied at autopsy?

23 MR. BARRON: At some point here we
24 provided these articles to you. If you're going to

25 question him phrase by phrase or paragraph by
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1 paragraph, I think in fairness rather than you
2 summarizing it, we ought to provide him a copy so
3 that --

4 MS. CHABER: If you want to take the
5 time. I didn't know that you don't have other
6 copies of this.

7 MR. BARRON: Are you going to spend some
8 time with that article?

9 MS. CHABER: I'm going to spend time with
10 all of them.

11 MR. BARRON: Okay. We will get something
12 run off.

13 MS. CHABER: Why don't you let me ask my
14 questions of him and then if he needs to refer to an
15 article, we will put those questions aside for the
16 time being. He may be able to answer some of these
17 without reference to it.

18 MR. BARRON: That's fine. Make sure,
19 though, that you listen to the language carefully
20 because we are not going to be sure whether she's
21 attempting to summarize or is quoting and she
22 wouldn't do it intentionally but in summarizing, she
23 may miss out an important term or concept that's of
24 physiological importance. Okay.

25 THE WITNESS: I understand.

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1 MS. CHABER: Q. Doctor, do you recall
2 whether or not the individuals reported in this
3 article in the journal Cancer to have oat cell
4 carcinoma of the thymus had another primary tumor in
5 his pancreas?

6 A. I recall that.

7 Q. Dr. Warren, isn't it true that surgical
8 excision is the primary treatment for thymoma?

9 A. Not all thymomas lend themselves to
10 complete surgical excision so I'm going to disagree
11 with your statement.

12 Q. Is surgical excision whether it is
13 complete or not complete the primary treatment of
14 thymoma?

15 A. No.

16 Q. What is the primary treatment?

17 A. I think that you have to determine in
18 this case if you are talking about all thymomas or
19 malignant thymomas.

20 Q. We are talking about malignant.

21 A. The vast majority of malignant thymomas
22 are not completely resectable.

23 Q. And the percentage of malignant thymomas
24 to nonmalignant thymomas is what?

25 MR. BARRON: We've gone through that

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1 before. He made some estimates.

2 THE WITNESS: The majority of thymomas
3 are not malignant.

4 MS. CHABER: Q. What is an undescended
5 thymus?

6 A. The thymus gland arrives -- derives
7 embryologically from tissue at the back of what
8 becomes the throat and it descends in development to
9 a location behind the breast bone in the majority of

10 cases. In some cases it descends further down and
11 in other cases there are tissue remnants left up in
12 the neck.

13 Q. What is a cervical thymoma?

14 A. It is a thymoma found in the neck.

15 Q. And do cervical thymomas present with
16 left hilar masses?

17 A. By definition the cervical lesion is in
18 the neck.

19 Q. And the article No. 9, "A Case of Thymoma
20 Arising from Undescended Thymus," can you tell me
21 what in this article you felt was significant with
22 respect to this case -- Ms. Henley's case?

23 A. Only to read the article with respect to
24 the variety of locations of thymoma apart from the
25 anterior mediastinum or shall I say not limited to
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1 the anterior mediastinum.

2 Q. The case that's reported in Exhibit No. 9
3 that is not a case of which the differential
4 diagnosis would be a lung carcinoma, correct?

5 A. I don't believe that was the differential
6 diagnosis in this case.

7 Q. And the location of where that tumor
8 presented in Exhibit No. 9 is distant from the
9 lungs, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. Exhibit No. 10 "Left Hilar Thymoma Report
12 of a Case" from Diseases of the Chest 1967. That's
13 a report of one instance -- or rather it's a case
14 report?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. And in that case the individual was 18
17 years old?

18 A. I don't recall.

19 Q. Is this case set forth in Exhibit 10 a
20 small cell thymoma?

21 A. It didn't use that language in describing
22 this. The Xerox is quite bad unfortunately but the
23 term small cell or oat cell carcinoma was never
24 mentioned in the differential. However, it's
25 important to note that this did have pseudorosettes
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1 which is a pattern that is often found in
2 neuroendocrine tumors, although not necessarily
3 small cell carcinoma.

4 Q. What about that article Exhibit No. 10
5 did you find significant for this case --
6 Ms. Henley's case?

7 A. First of all, the location of the tumor
8 which was at the left hilum; and, secondly, that it
9 makes reference to other tumors, other thymic tumors
10 that were also found at the left hilum.

11 Q. And are those malignant tumors that were
12 found that you just made reference to?

13 A. I didn't read the articles that this
14 article in turn referred to.

15 Q. And there's no reference there in the
16 article itself as to whether those authors are
17 referring to malignant thymomas?

18 A. I believe that's true.

19 Q. Can you tell me any other articles in the
20 literature of a malignant thymoma --

21 A. I'm sorry, I was thinking of something
22 else. Can you please start again?
23 Q. Can you tell me of any other articles
24 reported in the literature of a malignant thymoma of
25 the small cell type arising in the left hilar area?

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1 A. No, not offhand.
2 Q. In Article 11 entitled, "Thymoma Arising
3 from Undescended Cervical Thymus," what was it in
4 this article that you found significant for your
5 opinions in the Henley case?
6 A. Only the documentation that thymomas can
7 be found in locations other than limited to the
8 anterior mediastinum. There are again interesting
9 comments made in a discussion in the references that
10 I found interesting but I wanted to get into the
11 literature for the distribution of thymomas.

12 Q. And what is the distribution of malignant
13 thymomas?

14 A. The same as benign thymomas and that is
15 that the majority are found in the anterior
16 mediastinum. Some are found in the neck. Some are
17 found in the hilum. They have been found as low as
18 on the diaphragm and they have been found within the
19 lung.

20 Q. And do you know the incidence of primary
21 anterior mediastinum small cell carcinoma?

22 A. No.

23 Q. I think before we took the lunch break,
24 we were about to discuss the x-ray and CT scan that
25 I believe you indicated was a part of your support

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1 for your opinion that this is a primary thymic
2 carcinoma?

3 A. Is that a question?

4 Q. Can you tell me first in words and then
5 we can look at the x-rays -- obviously you can be
6 looking at them when you put it into words -- what
7 it is about the x-ray and CT scan that you
8 identified before lunch as indicating support for
9 your opinion that this is a primary thymic
10 carcinoma?

11 MR. BARRON: I'm going to object on the
12 basis that it calls for a narrative. He's prepared
13 to talk about a lot of details on both and I don't
14 mind him giving just a very general overview
15 statement if it's possible but in order to answer
16 that question, you are going to have to allow him to
17 go film by film and tell what he does or doesn't
18 see.

19 MS. CHABER: I don't know if it calls for
20 a narrative in a deposition.

21 MR. BARRON: I think it could.

22 THE WITNESS: Would you like me to
23 interpret the x-rays?

24 MS. CHABER: Sure.

25 MR. BARRON: That's what I was

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1 suggesting.

2 MS. CHABER: I want you to identify which
3 ones and then as you identify them, I would ask you
4 to indicate which report it is that corresponds to
5 the actual report at the time.

6 Q. Do you understand what I'm asking?
7 A. I would be glad to read the x-rays and I
8 believe that there's a report here of a
9 radiologist's interpretation as well.
10 Q. Okay.
11 A. This is a PA and lateral chest x-ray of
12 Patricia Henley dated January 3rd, 1998, PA and
13 lateral chest x-ray.
14 Q. And what is the facility?
15 A. Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank
16 and on the PA chest x-ray there is a fullness or,
17 shall we say, a silhouette part of a bump here that
18 is abnormal.
19 It corresponds to the junction of the
20 lung and the mediastinum generally known as the
21 hilum and it is abnormal. It is clearly abnormal.
22 I don't see anything else beyond that including
23 anything clearly within the lung or anything to
24 suggest that the lung is involved in this other than
25 it is, as we say, in the junction of the lung and
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1 the mediastinum.
2 On the side-view the breastbone is
3 anteriorly, the spine is posteriorly located. This
4 is the heart shadow and this is the mass in here and
5 you can see that it is generally speaking in the
6 center of the chest.

7 But that it does extend anteriorly into
8 the retrosternal airspace which is generally known
9 as the anterior mediastinum. In addition, on the
10 lateral film you see nothing to suggest an
11 underlying pulmonary lesion infiltrate underlying
12 pulmonary pathology.

13 Q. Could you cite me to the x-ray report
14 that corresponds to the x-ray that you have just
15 read?

16 A. Yes. I believe that -- I don't know if I
17 can take the --

18 Q. You can take it out and hand it across.

19 A. It happens that it seems to be a
20 duplicate here in my chart as both pages 34 and 35.
21 I think it's just a duplicate of the same thing.

22 Q. Can I see that for a second?

23 A. Surely.

24 Q. Put that back in your book. Then there
25 was a CT scan on the same day?

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1 A. Correct. Do you want me to -- I'm
2 pointing out simply that --

3 MR. BARRON: She's in charge of what she
4 wants to find out about.

5 MS. CHABER: Q. You are pointing out
6 simply what, Doctor?

7 A. I want to indicate in this report that
8 the radiologist acknowledges that the soft tissue
9 density is evident in a portion of the retrosternal
10 space.

11 Q. Okay. And also that the left hilum and
12 the left upper mediastinum appear abnormally
13 prominent, correct?

14 MR. BARRON: That's what the rest says.

15 MS. CHABER: That's the rest of that
16 sentence.

17 MR. BARRON: The document speaks for
18 itself.
19 MS. CHABER: That's not an objection,
20 Counsel.
21 THE WITNESS: The document speaks for
22 itself. I don't take issue with this
23 interpretation.
24 MS. CHABER: Okay.
25 Q. And there was a CT scan done on the same
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1 day?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And you have that CT scan available?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. Could you put that up?
6 A. For the record there are obviously one,
7 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight panels and
8 I am choosing two that are the most relevant to the
9 comments that I'm going to make of the entire scans.
10 Q. This CT scan on January the 3rd is what
11 would be called a conventional CT scan rather than a
12 high-resolution CT scan; is that correct?
13 A. That's correct.
14 Q. And the images that were attained were 10
15 millimeters apart?
16 A. That's correct.
17 Q. And can you identify which frames or
18 which sheets you have put up?
19 A. I put up the mediastinal windows from
20 Images No. 1 plus C to 24 plus C.
21 Q. And is that on all -- on both --
22 A. Image 1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, 24C -- C
23 meaning being contract -- has been added and that's
24 what's showing in this.
25 Q. And the black space surrounded by ovals
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1 that we see in the picture is the lungs?
2 A. This is the right lung and this is the
3 left lung.
4 Q. And can you point out and tell me which
5 contrast you are referring to where the mediastinum
6 is?
7 A. The contrast is given in the right arm
8 and lights up all the vessels, the vessels that are
9 in the mediastinum. The mass is in the mediastinum
10 and so --
11 Q. We need an identifying number of which
12 window you are talking about, Doctor, so can you
13 identify for me where the mediastinum is and
14 identify which window you are pointing it out to me
15 in; did that make sense?
16 A. I think so. The mass extends from at
17 least Image 7 plus C down to and including 13 plus
18 C.
19 Q. Can you tell me which window would be the
20 best window to view for seeing the superior segment
21 of the left lower lobe?
22 A. None of these windows which are
23 mediastinal that is in other images, lung windows,
24 not the mediastinal windows.
25 Q. What is your interpretation of the
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1 mediastinal windows that you selected to

2 demonstrate?
3 A. It simply demonstrates the size, the
4 location, and the extent of the mass of the left
5 hilum and mediastinum.
6 Q. And where is the main stem bronchus in
7 those windows?
8 A. The right or the left main stem bronchus.
9 Q. The right?
10 A. It's right here.
11 Q. And that's window?
12 A. Well, it's seen in Images 11, 12, 13, I
13 suppose, and 14.
14 Q. And is the mass that is seen extending
15 into that area of the right main stem bronchus?
16 MR. BARRON: I'm sorry, could you read
17 the question back?
18 (Record read)
19 THE WITNESS: It is extending to the very
20 origin of the right main stem bronchus in Image 11C,
21 but it does not involve the right main stem bronchus
22 itself.
23 MS. CHABER: Q. And how can you
24 determine that?
25 A. Because I can see the mass as being a
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1 different density than the main stem bronchus in
2 identifying those two entities. I can see that they
3 are in proximity but I don't see any further
4 extension.
5 Q. Now, was there anything else you wanted
6 to point out in your review of the windows that are
7 up there?
8 A. Well, there are many things that I can
9 talk about. Did you have a specific question?
10 Q. I asked you to interpret them. I thought
11 that's what you had indicated you were doing.
12 A. I want to -- I have identified those
13 windows that demonstrate this rather large left
14 hilar mass which is multilobulated, which extends
15 into the anterior mediastinum, best seen on Image
16 7C, possibly even 6C, although I'm less certain of
17 that.
18 It extends lateral to the aortic arch and
19 spares the subcorinal and paratracheal nodes and
20 that it extrinsically compresses almost completely
21 the left main stem -- the left main pulmonary artery
22 and it extensively abuts the entire left main stem
23 bronchus including beyond the bifurcation.
24 Q. What is the significance of that; it
25 includes beyond the bifurcation?
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1 A. I'm simply describing the extent of the
2 mass.
3 Q. Okay. Is there any significance to it
4 being multilobulated?
5 A. This is --
6 Q. And let me ask it this way: Is there any
7 significance between a differential diagnosis of
8 lung cancer and primary thymic cancer to it being
9 multilobulated?
10 A. I think that the fact that the contour of
11 this tumor is smooth and that portion of the tumor
12 that is interfacing with the lung is so clearly and

13 smoothly defined make it less likely that this is a
14 lung tumor growing into the mediastinum than a
15 mediastinal tumor abutting the lung.

16 MS. CHABER: Could you read the answer
17 back, please?

18 (Record read)

19 MS. CHABER: Q. What is your basis of
20 that statement?

21 A. My experience.

22 Q. Is there anything in the report and
23 literature that indicates that a smooth contour of a
24 tumor in the location you've described makes it less
25 likely to be a lung tumor than a primary thymic

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1 tumor?

2 A. Well, you are asking a very specific
3 question. It is true that if something has a smooth
4 contour, that it tends to be within a capsule or
5 within some anatomic structure.

6 In this particular case if something were
7 in the lung and growing, it is less likely when it
8 gets to this size that the advancing margin would be
9 so well demarcated in contrast to the thymus which
10 this may well represent a malignant tumor of the
11 thymus still within the capsule.

12 Q. I was interrupting you.

13 Have you concluded your reading of those
14 windows that are up on the screen then?

15 A. I may be just repeating myself but the
16 mass extends fairly extensively lateral to the
17 aortic arch but spares almost completely the
18 paratracheal region and I believe I said that before
19 but I just wanted to make sure.

20 Q. What's the significance of that?

21 A. Lymph nodes tend to be located in the
22 paratracheal region and not lateral and superior to
23 the aorta.

24 Q. And tell me what the mechanism is that
25 you are talking about that relate to lymph nodes is

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1 with respect to the growth of this tumor?

2 A. I'm simply stating anatomic facts. The
3 distribution of lymph nodes in the mediastinum does
4 not correspond -- it does not correspond at all to a
5 tumor being lateral and superior to the aortic arch
6 extending into the anterior mediastinum. That is
7 not the distribution of nodes. That may well be the
8 distribution of an anterior mediastinal mass that
9 has involved the left hilum.

10 Q. And what would be the likely course of a
11 lung tumor growing into the mediastinum?

12 A. The likely course would be the
13 involvement of lymph nodes at Level 5, possibly
14 Level 6 and extending up the mediastinum through
15 Levels 7, 2, 3, and 4 with continued extension up to
16 superclavicular nodes and systemic metastases.

17 Q. Have we concluded with your review now?

18 A. Of these panels, yes.

19 Q. Were there other panels within the CT
20 scan that you believe support your position that it
21 is more likely that this is a primary mediastinal
22 tumor?

23 A. Shall we take a break?

24 MR. BARRON: I'm just getting some air
25 in. I'm breathing more carbon dioxide than I wanted
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1 to.

2 THE WITNESS: Well, I would be glad to
3 read these films. There are other images that
4 support my statements.

5 MS. CHABER: Q. Can you just tell me
6 what those images are and what it is in those images
7 that support your statements?

8 A. I think these are probably the best
9 images to demonstrate the findings on which I base
10 my conclusions but I can certainly direct you to
11 other images such as Image 164 and 169, 159, 154,
12 149, 144, 139, 134, 120 and 129.

13 Q. And is there anything in those --

14 A. Without a contrast.

15 Q. Okay. And is there anything in those
16 images that you have just identified that is
17 different support than the things that you've
18 previously described such as the smooth contour and
19 so forth?

20 A. Some of those images pertaining to the
21 lung windows as opposed to the mediastinal windows
22 are important for the absence of findings.

23 Q. And which ones are those?

24 A. They are the same numbers -- well,
25 inasmuch as I'm talking about an absence of

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1 findings, I'm going to say all of the lung windows
2 because none of them demonstrate a lung primary in
3 my opinion.

4 Q. And which is the window or windows that
5 best demonstrate the superior segment of the left
6 lower lobe?

7 A. Those windows would be 169, 164, 159,
8 154, 149. These particular windows are 5 millimeter
9 cuts in contrast with the previous scans which were
10 10 millimeter cuts as you correctly identified them.

11 Q. And is that higher resolution or lower
12 resolution?

13 A. The resolution would be the same. The
14 cuts would be thinner.

15 Q. And does thinner cuts allow you to
16 identify smaller anatomical findings?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And do you see an infiltrate in the
19 superior segment of the left lower lobe?

20 A. Yes, there are changes in the superior
21 segment of the left lower lobe.

22 Q. And what do you account for those
23 changes?

24 A. That's a very nonspecific finding. It is
25 very diffuse and it is very subtle.

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1 Q. Well, given your opinions in Ms. Henley's
2 case and having reviewed all of her records and
3 x-rays, what would account for there being diffuse
4 subtle infiltrate in the superior segment of the
5 left lower lobe?

6 A. She could have a mucous plug.

7 Q. Could she also have a small cell
8 carcinoma?

9 A. I suppose it's within the realm of
10 possibility but extremely unlikely.
11 Q. Why is it extremely unlikely?
12 A. Because there's no mass nodule or other
13 evidence for a primary tumor there apart from the
14 most subtle of x-ray findings.
15 Q. And how many small cell lung carcinomas
16 present with there being a discrete nodule in the
17 lung?
18 A. The vast majority, 95 percent plus.
19 Q. In the small cell carcinomas of the lung
20 that present with a discrete nodule is the discrete
21 nodule identifiable on CT scan?
22 A. Is there in this case?
23 Q. No. This 95 plus that present with a
24 discrete nodule in the lung are you referring to a
25 discrete nodule identified by radiograph?

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1 A. By CT scan.
2 Q. And in your experience have you ever
3 diagnosed a person to have small cell carcinoma of
4 the lung where there was invasion of the mediastinum
5 and no discrete nodule in the lung?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. How many times?
8 A. Once that I can recall.
9 Q. And was that individual a smoker?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. By the way, do you smoke, Doctor?
12 A. No.
13 Q. Have you ever?
14 A. No.
15 Q. Let me ask you this question and then we
16 need to take a break because I need to use the rest
17 room. Why do you believe that Ms. Henley's treating
18 physicians have diagnosed her condition to be a
19 small cell carcinoma of the lung and not a primary
20 small cell thymic carcinoma?
21 A. Did you want to say something?
22 MR. BARRON: I was going to object to the
23 question as lacking foundation but I've made the
24 record, then you can go ahead and answer if you
25 think you can.

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't know what in their
2 mind led them to -- in this particular case led them
3 to think that. It may be that they didn't -- that
4 they are not even aware of this other entity.
5 It may be that they make this assumption
6 knowing that the treatment is the same; and,
7 therefore, it is simply not a point of great pivotal
8 clinical importance. And since the vast majority of
9 small cell carcinomas are found to be in the lung,
10 it was an assumption but not based on anything other
11 than a statistical likelihood.
12 MS. CHABER: Q. Is it your opinion,
13 then, that Ms. Henley's treating physicians
14 diagnosed a small cell carcinoma of the lung merely
15 because of statistics?
16 MR. BARRON: Objection. His answer was
17 in three parts. It's now becoming argumentative as
18 phrased I believe. I think you ought to show more
19 courtesy than that.

20 THE WITNESS: Please repeat the question.

21 (Record read)

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MS. CHABER: Q. Let's assume that the
24 University of Southern California which is a medical
25 center and a treating hospital is aware that there
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1 are rare instances of thymic carcinomas that are
2 small cell type and primary. And let's assume
3 further that they at that facility diagnosed her,
4 told her that she had a small cell carcinoma of the
5 lung.

6 Is it your opinion that they did not have
7 a reasonable scientific medical basis for that
8 diagnosis?

9 MR. BARRON: Hold your answer. The
10 question is an improper hypothetical. You talk
11 about they at, quote, LAC, LA Center of USC Medical
12 Center facility knowing, and you are not identifying
13 who goes there; everyone who is a medical doctor,
14 certain pathologists or just what? And I think
15 it's, therefore, an improper hypothetical which
16 causes the linkage to the second part of the
17 question to be an improper lack of foundation, an
18 improper hypothetical question.

19 MS. CHABER: Q. You can answer.

20 A. I think that they may have jumped to the
21 conclusion without having definitive evidence that
22 there was an underlying lung lesion.

23 Q. And you would agree that replete
24 throughout the records that you have been presented
25 in this case has been the diagnosis of small cell
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1 carcinoma of the lung?

2 A. There are many entries that say that.
3 There are also many other entries that simply say
4 small cell carcinoma and don't go onto qualified or
5 say specifically primary unknown.

6 Q. Can you show me where those references
7 are?

8 A. Let me take some time but I'll be glad to
9 do it.

10 MS. CHABER: You can look while we take a
11 break.

12 (Short break from 2:50 p.m. to 2:58 p.m.)

13 AFTERNOON SESSION

14 MS. CHABER: Q. Before the break you
15 were going to go through the medical records. Have
16 you done so?

17 A. I've gone through the binder I believe
18 there are important references in the other notes as
19 well and since the Post-its have come off, it's
20 going to take much longer to go through that, but I
21 would draw your attention to some entries in here
22 that I have made. The first is page 14 where --

23 Q. What facility?

24 A. This is the operative note from the LA
25 County, USC Medical Center. This is the dictation
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1 of the operative report of Dr. Hagen where he says
2 in the postoperative diagnosis presumably after a
3 frozen section that this is possible small cell
4 carcinoma.

5 He had done a bronchoscopy and a
6 mediastinoscopy and a biopsy and he did not say
7 small cell carcinoma of the lung. In fact, in his
8 bronchoscopy report he says there are no obvious
9 lesions seen and I believe that he had a -- one
10 would have a serious question about this being a
11 lung primary based on this operative note.

12 Q. Nonetheless, have you seen a report by
13 Dr. Hagen subsequent to both the bronchoscopy and to
14 the surgery that you are referring to where he
15 writes Dr. Smith that this is a 51-year-old woman
16 with small cell bronchogenic carcinoma?

17 A. I don't recall that. I'm sure it is
18 possible. The second page I want to draw your
19 attention to is I believe it's page, it looks like,
20 22 and this is a longhand note.

21 Q. 22, what facility?

22 A. L.A. County U.S. Medical Center. I'm
23 looking for the date. I just don't see it but it
24 was performed after the bronchoscopy and
25 mediastinoscopy where they acknowledge that it was a
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1 frozen equal small cell carcinoma no primary
2 identified on CT of the chest or intraop. That was
3 written out longhand.

4 Q. Is that one of your previously marked --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- tabbed pages?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And, finally, on the UCS Medical Center,
10 page No. 35 it makes the diagnosis of a large
11 anterior mediastinal mass biopsy frozen section
12 showing small cell carcinoma again with no mention
13 made of it being a lung primary. That is a longhand
14 note after the procedure was done.

15 Q. And did you see any notes or reports
16 after the procedure that you've just described in
17 here where her doctors indicated that she had a
18 diagnosis of small cell bronchogenic carcinoma?

19 MR. BARRON: Could I have that reread?

20 (Record read)

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 MS. CHABER: Q. And your opinion would
23 be that that diagnosis is incorrect, correct?

24 A. I believe the diagnosis of small cell
25 carcinoma is correct. I believe that the -- that
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1 there's insufficient evidence to conclude that this
2 is from a lung primary.

3 Q. Now, on the bronchoscopy what is -- what
4 do you believe the radiologist was referring to when
5 he said that there was a constellation of findings
6 in the left lung?

7 A. I don't know. That's not a term that I
8 understand what he's saying.

9 Q. And what do you understand him to mean
10 when he says probable left interstitial disease --
11 of course, I made an assumption that it was a he --
12 when Dr. Yeh indicates that his impression on x-ray
13 after bronchoscopy is probable left interstitial
14 disease?

15 A. The date now is after the bronchoscopy.

16 You said based on bronchoscopy. So the bronchoscopy
17 can induce many changes in the lung and the
18 mediastinotomy can cause the patient to have pain
19 and not cough.

20 Inflammatory changes were noted at
21 bronchoscopy. I have demonstrated on these films
22 that there is some change in the superior segment
23 which is extremely subtle and nonspecific. I don't
24 know where to go beyond making those comments.

25 Q. Where is the clivus?

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1 A. I believe it's in the skull.

2 Q. And do you believe that Ms. Henley has
3 metastases to any other part of her body?

4 A. I don't believe Ms. Henley has any
5 metastases at all.

6 Q. Did you look at the MRI of the brain?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did you note in the records that they
9 suspected a metastases to the clivus from the MRI?

10 A. I did read that report and I believe
11 there were other reports that subsequently did not
12 bear that out.

13 Q. Is that all the reports that you have
14 noted that you were looking for during the break in
15 the binder?

16 A. In the binder, yes.

17 Q. Now, there's another set of records and I
18 believe counsel has attempted to reproduce your --
19 where the Post-its were and we've identified that on
20 Exhibit 5A. Without taking the time to look through
21 the entire set of records contained in Exhibit 5, I
22 would ask you to at least flip to those pages and
23 see if there is any notation of a diagnosis of
24 something other than small cell carcinoma of the
25 lung.

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1 MR. BARRON: That is a copy of Exhibit 5
2 that I'm giving to you or have given to you. You
3 may keep that.

4 MS. CHABER: That's fine.

5 MR. BARRON: I didn't know what you had
6 for sure in terms of Exhibit 5 from that which you
7 don't have in Exhibit 5 so you can keep that and --

8 MS. CHABER: Very kind. Above and
9 beyond.

10 MR. BARRON: What she wants you to do now
11 is look through each of these.

12 THE WITNESS: I'm going backwards because
13 it's physically easier to do that.

14 MR. BARRON: While he's doing that, did
15 you want to mark this so I can give it back or do
16 you really care? That's what you had him look at
17 earlier which is our expert disclosure and he
18 remembers seeing the page that deals with him.

19 MS. CHABER: Why don't we just mark that
20 page. Let me mark as plaintiff's next in order page
21 4 of the expert witness disclosure where Dr. Warren
22 has identified that he testified earlier that he had
23 seen.

24 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 13
25 was marked for identification.)

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1 MR. BARRON: Let me make a copy. This is
2 the only one I've got to use for my binder right
3 now. Are you done?

4 THE WITNESS: I'm done.

5 MS. CHABER: Q. Have you found any other
6 notations in the records that are contained in
7 Exhibit 5?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Can you identify them, please?

10 A. Page 102 perhaps the most single
11 important document is the pathology report where
12 they simply identify this as small cell carcinoma
13 and make no attempt to identify this as a pulmonary
14 origin.

15 Q. Did they make any attempt to identify it
16 with any origin?

17 A. They can't.

18 Q. Do you believe whatever the small cell
19 carcinoma that Ms. Henley has is progressing?

20 A. From what I have seen from the x-rays she
21 has had a good initial response to the therapy --
22 radiotherapy followed by the chemotherapy.

23 Q. What's the most recent x-ray or CT scan
24 you have seen date wise?

25 A. Let's see, I have films from October

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1 1998. I believe that's the most recent.

2 Q. And how do you read those films?

3 A. She has had -- do you want me to -- I
4 don't want to get these mixed up. Do you want me to
5 take these down and put these up and go through them
6 in the same fashion?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. I think these belong in this jacket. The
9 films I am putting up are from October the 10th,
10 1998 is a CT scan from Saint Joseph Medical Center
11 and what I am demonstrating is a remarkable
12 resolution of the previously described mass to the
13 point that abnormalities are seen in windows 10 plus
14 C and 11 plus C and that is virtually all that is
15 left of that original mediastinal mass.

16 Q. Do you see any evidence of recurrent
17 disease in the left upper lobe?

18 A. You say recurrent disease. Since there
19 was no initial disease in the left upper lobe, I
20 don't believe I can answer your question.

21 Q. Do you see any disease in the left upper
22 lobe on that CT scan?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. And what do you see?

25 A. I see changes on Images 8 plus C, 9 plus

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1 C, 10 plus C, and I'll say 11 and 12 plus C that are
2 in the left upper lobe and is a peripheral
3 pleural-based density and a more central density
4 abutting the aortic knob.

5 Q. What do you believe that is?

6 A. Radiation changes.

7 Q. Would it be unreasonable to conclude that
8 what you've just described is evidence of cancer?

9 MR. BARRON: I'm sorry, could you read
10 that back?

11 (Record read)

12 MR. BARRON: I'm just going to object to
13 the phrase, quote, unreasonable as being imprecise
14 and ambiguous.

15 THE WITNESS: It's more likely than not
16 this does not represent cancer.

17 MS. CHABER: Q. And why do you say that?

18 A. Because of the location and the
19 distribution of these lesions in the left upper lobe
20 after the patient's radiation therapy.

21 Q. Were you provided with any reports of
22 Dr. Horn?

23 A. I've been offered many reports. I don't
24 recall Dr. Horn.

25 Q. Have you seen any reports of any experts
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1 other than yourself in this case?

2 A. No, I don't believe I have. I thought
3 you may be referring to one of the many doctors
4 seeing the patient in the clinical records.

5 Q. Have you seen any reports from any
6 pathologists who are experts in the case?

7 A. No, I have not.

8 Q. And that would include also not from
9 Dr. Gould?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And early on in this deposition I believe
12 you said that there was some significance to you
13 that there was no change or effect on Ms. Henley's
14 voice?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And what do you base that on that there
17 was no change or effect on Ms. Henley's voice?

18 A. My experience and my anatomy of the
19 chest.

20 Q. How do you know that Ms. Henley has not
21 had a change in her voice?

22 A. There was mention of it in the clinical
23 records.

24 Q. Can you indicate what records you are
25 referring to?

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1 A. We are back to the --

2 Q. If you know?

3 A. It is in here. I'll attempt to find it.
4 I can't find it at this moment but my recollection
5 is that it was in there.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. BARRON: Do you want to describe it
8 for her from recollection of what you found in there
9 on the voice question?

10 THE WITNESS: My recollection is that it
11 was a handwritten note that said quite specifically
12 that she had no changes in her voice. The
13 significance of that is that small cell carcinomas
14 that involve the mediastinum to the size of six
15 centimeters and can choke off the main pulmonary
16 artery almost always would have nipped the left
17 recurrent laryngeal nerve which is right beside the
18 level five nodes to which an occult primary lung
19 cancer would bring. As a matter of fact, in some
20 cases that is the presenting complaint with a normal
21 chest x-ray and a normal CAT scan.

22 MS. CHABER: Q. Did you notice any

23 records indicating that Ms. Henley reported
24 difficulty in singing as one of her reporting
25 symptoms?

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1 A. I don't recall that.

2 Q. Do small cell carcinomas that are primary
3 thymic carcinomas is a clinical presenting feature
4 of then hemoptysis?

5 A. Not commonly.

6 Q. Is a clinical presenting feature a
7 chronic productive cough?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You would agree Ms. Henley had only one
10 sputum cytology done?

11 A. That's all I could find in the record.

12 Q. And there were notations that other
13 sputum cytologies that she was supposed to have done
14 were cancelled?

15 A. What I recall is Dr. Hagen stating in the
16 time of his consultation that cytologies had been
17 sent to the laboratory and somehow due to some mixup
18 were not processed and yet I found in there both a
19 longhand written report as well as a typed official
20 report, if you wish, stating that the cytology was
21 done and was benign, so I'm not sure if there were
22 additional samples or whether Dr. Hagen was just
23 misinformed.

24 Q. And you would agree that a cough
25 productive of brownish sputum is not a typical

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1 presenting symptom of a primary small cell thymic
2 carcinoma, would you not?

3 MR. BARRON: Could you just rephrase it?
4 It wasn't clear to me whether you were saying not
5 typical or --

6 MS. CHABER: Not typical.

7 MR. BARRON: Okay. You said the atypical
8 part first. I wasn't sure if you were saying a
9 typical or atypical as one word.

10 MS. CHABER: Q. You would agree that
11 presentation with productive brownish sputum is not
12 typical of the presentation of a primary thymic
13 carcinoma of the small cell variety?

14 A. I agree -- well, there are not many cases
15 reported, but I would agree that would be unlikely.
16 It is also unlikely that small cell carcinoma of the
17 lung would present with brown sputum.

18 Q. Tell me what are the clinical symptoms
19 that small cell carcinoma of the lung typically
20 presents with.

21 A. There are many symptoms. They would
22 include a cough, wheezing, shortness of breath,
23 hoarseness, weight loss, malaise. Often distant
24 metastatic spread can be the first presentation of a
25 small carcinoma of the lung.

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1 Q. How does that present as a symptom?

2 A. It may present with bone pain. It may
3 present as a neurologic deficit. It may present as
4 a mass in the liver. It may present with palpable
5 supraclavicular adenopathy associated with some of
6 the other symptoms. It can present as a peritoneal
7 aplastic syndrome, including ectopic production of

8 ACTH and other hormone like substances.

9 Q. With respect to the symptoms that we've
10 just been talking about of typical presentation of a
11 small cell lung carcinoma, when you said cough, what
12 type of cough?

13 A. An unremitting cough usually
14 nonproductive and associated with a wheeze.

15 Q. And if an individual had a wheeze, might
16 you hear rales on physical examination?

17 A. Yes, you may.

18 Q. And shortness of breath as a presenting
19 symptom -- let me just ask you before I go through
20 each of these, are any of the symptoms that you've
21 just indicated, cough, wheezing, shortness of
22 breath, hoarseness, weight loss, malaise typical
23 presentation symptoms of small cell primary thymic
24 cancer?

25 A. I think that there simply have been too
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1 few cases to be able to say one is more typical than
2 the other. Inasmuch as it's an aggressive tumor, I
3 would expect that it, too, would present with weight
4 loss and malaise maybe with the symptoms of the
5 tumor abutting surrounding structures, including the
6 bronchus and therefore presenting with cough as I am
7 hypothesizing in this case. If it is an anterior
8 mediastinal mass, it may be quite asymptomatic with
9 respect to the chest for a long time.

10 Q. With respect to Ms. Henley she presented
11 with an approximate 17-pound weight loss?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And she presented with a shortness of
14 breath; she reported shortness of breath?

15 A. She reported some shortness of breath and
16 I'd like to clarify you said 17-pound weight loss
17 and that certainly was in the records. It was
18 unclear to me in reading the records carefully that
19 that number was mentioned and was quoted and yet
20 there were other times when simply comments were
21 made like her clothes are fitting loosely.

22 So I think that that may have evolved
23 over the course of time. I have no particular
24 reason to think that she did not lose weight. It
25 sounds like a very clear number that was well
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1 documented but it may not be quite so clear.

2 Q. Nonetheless, it's clear that she had at
3 least what she considered a significant weight loss
4 without having attempted to lose that weight?

5 A. That's true. Her appetite -- many
6 entries there that her appetite was decreased and
7 that she had this weight loss. There are some
8 mentioned in the record that her -- she typically
9 had one meal a day so her eating habits were
10 irregular and I suspect that -- well, anyway.

11 Q. Had she reported weakness?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And she reported decrease in appetite?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. And she reported lack of energy?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that would be what you would call
18 malaise? You used the word malaise.

19 A. It means the patient doesn't feel well.
20 Q. And she certainly reported that she
21 didn't feel well, correct?
22 A. That's correct.
23 Q. What do you believe the prognosis is with
24 respect to Ms. Henley?
25 A. To be honest, I really don't know. There

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1 are references that you have in front of you that
2 when a thymoma was excised and found by surprise to
3 be small cell carcinoma, that a patient survived
4 beyond five years which is very remarkable for a
5 lung primary small cell carcinoma. The small cell
6 carcinoma of the thymus may. Generally all cases do
7 better than small cell carcinoma of the lung.

8 Q. Would you agree that is in the instance
9 of when there is surgical excision?

10 A. To the best of my knowledge, that is the
11 only five-year survivor of a small cell
12 neuroendocrine carcinoma of the thymus.

13 Q. And that individual had the tumor
14 excised?

15 A. That's my understanding.

16 Q. And the presentations at least that are
17 reported in the reported articles of primary small
18 cell thymic carcinoma do not report the
19 symptomatology that you've just listed typical of
20 small cell lung carcinoma?

21 A. I believe that the Rosai chapter in the
22 textbook does make reference but I would like to see
23 that again. It's got the heavy clip on it. May I?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. This reference is a chapter in a

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1 pathology annual. It deals primarily with carcinoid
2 tumors of the thymus.

3 Q. You are referring to Exhibit 6?

4 A. I'm referring to Exhibit 6. It does not
5 make reference to the clinical presentation of those
6 patients thought to have small cell carcinoma of the
7 thymus. In fact, the diagnosis at this time was
8 made at autopsy, but he makes no reference of the
9 clinical course of that patient, including the
10 natural history or how long that patient had
11 symptoms or what those symptoms were.

12 It would be my assumption that they would
13 be -- that the malaise and the lack of energy, etc.,
14 the weight loss would be much the same as with small
15 cell carcinoma of the lung and haven't heard any
16 distinction based on the clinical presentation
17 between the two.

18 MR. BARRON: It's half past 3:00 now.

19 MS. CHABER: I'm trying to just wrap this
20 up because I know the doctor has to leave.

21 Q. So you have no opinion, then, as to what
22 the prognosis is for Ms. Henley; is that correct?

23 A. Well, let me say that it's my
24 understanding that the average survival for small
25 cell carcinoma of the lung is on the order of a year

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1 and a half. And given her x-ray in October and
2 given the plain x-ray and the CAT scan in October
3 and given the absence of convincing distant

4 metastases, she seems to be doing better than what a
5 small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the lung
6 would be doing. And I can't predict beyond that but
7 she seems to be doing extremely well for a patient
8 if it were to turn out that she has a lung primary.

9 Q. There are survival rates of small cell
10 lung carcinoma that are two and three years?

11 A. Of the lung?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And generally those people are the people
15 who have had a good response to radiation and/or
16 chemotherapy?

17 A. Generally speaking, yes.

18 Q. And would you say that Ms. Henley has had
19 a good response to radiation and chemotherapy?

20 A. She's had an excellent response.

21 MR. BARRON: I think we located that
22 citation.

23 THE WITNESS: Would you like me to read
24 that into the record?

25 MS. CHABER: Yes.

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1 THE WITNESS: On page 190 of Exhibit 5
2 and at the top of the page it says, "Specifically
3 the patient has not noted any changes with her voice
4 and her swallowing has been normal."

5 MS. CHABER: Q. What's the date of that?

6 A. 2-17-98.

7 Q. But you don't recall seeing earlier
8 references when she first presented that she did
9 have some mild difficulty swallowing?

10 A. Yes, I do -- I found that in the record
11 but they were vague and difficulty swallowing she
12 had associated nausea and, in fact, there's a
13 notation somewhere that she vomited.

14 Q. Doctor, when you indicated you were
15 deposed 10 to 12 times, can you tell me the nature
16 of those depositions?

17 A. Most of them were medical malpractice
18 cases.

19 Q. And was there any instance in those
20 medical malpractice cases where you were testifying
21 on behalf of the injured person?

22 A. Yes, twice at least.

23 Q. Were those people your patients at that
24 time or were you designated as an expert to review
25 the information?

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1 A. No, in both of those cases I never met
2 the patient. At least I was never a treating
3 physician.

4 Q. Did you testify in court in any cases?

5 A. I have testified in court on one occasion
6 on behalf of a patient whom I operated on and was
7 going through a divorce and somehow they wanted my
8 opinion as to how her hiatal hernia repair impacted
9 on her state of mind in a divorce proceeding.
10 That's the only time -- oh, there is a second case.
11 In the second case I was defending a doctor.

12 Q. Where was the first case?

13 A. Chicago. Both cases were in Chicago.

14 Q. Were they both in superior court?

15 A. I honestly don't remember. I don't
16 believe divorce court was downtown. They are both
17 downtown.

18 Q. One was a divorce court; the other was an
19 action for medical malpractice for you defending a
20 doctor?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And what year was that?

23 A. Which, the first or the second?

24 Q. The medical malpractice case.

25 A. It was either last year or the year

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1 before, that is, 1997 or 1996.

2 Q. And just give me two seconds to quickly
3 review my notes and try and get this concluded. And
4 subsequently we will go on and then after the
5 doctor's left and identify the x-rays and
6 radiographs that we have for the record.

7 MR. BARRON: Correct, you can help me as
8 to whether you and Bill and Lucy have developed any
9 standard agreement stipulations concerning reading
10 and signing the transcript.

11 MS. CHABER: No, we have developed
12 nothing. Let me also give the doctor another 500
13 dollar check and I would ask you, Doctor, to bill me
14 for the remainder. You can obviously provide it
15 through the counsel and when I receive that --

16 THE WITNESS: The remainder for our time
17 in deposition today?

18 MS. CHABER: Yes.

19 THE WITNESS: Fine.

20 MS. CHABER: Preparation time is their
21 responsibility and you can add that.

22 Q. Do you anticipate doing any additional
23 work in preparation for testifying in this case?

24 MR. BARRON: Let him answer that on his
25 own and I need to speak to that for you so you don't

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1 have any misunderstandings of my position in that
2 regard.

3 THE WITNESS: I do intend to continue to
4 pursue literature including a reference I have not
5 been able to find yet pursuant to my interest in
6 this very unusual case, yes.

7 MS. CHABER: To the extent, Doctor, that
8 you find additional articles -- obviously the one
9 that you are still looking for is identified -- I
10 would ask you to identify that for counsel. And,
11 Counsel, I would ask for further identification of
12 that.

13 If you intend to have him continuing to
14 do that, I'm not suggesting that I necessarily need
15 a deposition subsequent to that, but I would like to
16 know what additional work the doctor does,
17 particularly with respect to looking for and finding
18 additional references to support his opinions. You
19 wanted to say something?

20 MR. BARRON: I was just going to give you
21 an example. You know that we were interested in
22 securing a copy if the originals weren't available
23 for viewing of the films taken at Alta Bates and I
24 spoke to your office about that and I'm sure you are
25 aware of the circumstances that led to us --

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1 MS. CHABER: The first we heard about it
2 was on Friday and we were unable to comply with your
3 request to get them, but yes.

4 MR. BARRON: Q. So they were taken close
5 in time to the ones that are available that may or
6 may not be very significant.

7 MS. CHABER: Obviously the issue is
8 ongoing. And to the extent that there's additional
9 medical records, I would just reserve that if the
10 doctor in any way changes or modifies his opinions
11 based on any of these additional materials, I would
12 reserve my right to depose him on those limited
13 issues and recognizing the time and that you have a
14 plane to catch, Doctor, I will conclude the
15 deposition at this time subject to those
16 reservations. Let's go off the record for a second.

17 (Off the record)

18 (Dr. Warren exited proceedings at 3:42 p.m.)

19 MR. BARRON: Counsel has asked me to try
20 to identify what diagnostic films we had here to
21 have available for Dr. Warren and identify them by
22 date and general category and I will do my best to
23 do that.

24 We have films that appear to be all dated
25 January 3rd, 1998 from Saint Joseph's and I'm not

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1 qualified as a radiologist as counsel will agree,
2 I'm sure, but it looks like we have two so-called
3 plain films and I think if I counted correctly,
4 eight CT sheets with multiple exposures.

5 MS. CHABER: From the same location?

6 MR. BARRON: Yes. I have another folder
7 here. I haven't taken the time to put each one up
8 on the view box as I did with the others. The label
9 on the outside of the folder says LAC-USC with dates
10 of January 30th, 1998; February 5th, 1998; February
11 6th, 1998.

12 Do you want me to take the time and try
13 to look at each one?

14 MS. CHABER: No. That's fine.

15 MR. BARRON: Then I have another envelope
16 here that says from Saint Joseph's and there are
17 again quite a few sheets here and the envelope says
18 they are March 5, it looks like, '98 and August 5,
19 1998; and, again, do you accept that as enough?

20 MS. CHABER: That's sufficient, Counsel.

21 MR. BARRON: Okay. And then we have an
22 envelope that again says Saint Joseph's MC, for
23 medical center, with two dates October 5, 1998; and
24 October 10, 1998; and quite a few sheets. And
25 generally as I remember them, most of the sheets

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1 related to cuts of parts to which the doctor did not
2 specifically refer other anatomical areas; in other
3 words, I guess they were looking for sites of
4 metastasis and I think it was the October 10 sheets
5 that he spent some time with; and, again, I haven't
6 put each of these sheets up on the screen. Is that
7 enough?

8 MS. CHABER: That's sufficient.

9 MR. BARRON: Okay. Anything else we need
10 to accomplish?

11 MS. CHABER: The only other thing I would
12 do is to just mark the notice of deposition as the
13 last document.
14 (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 14
15 was marked for identification.)
16 MR. BARRON: Okay.
17 MS. CHABER: I think that does it.
18 (Deposition concluded at 4:00 p.m.)
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